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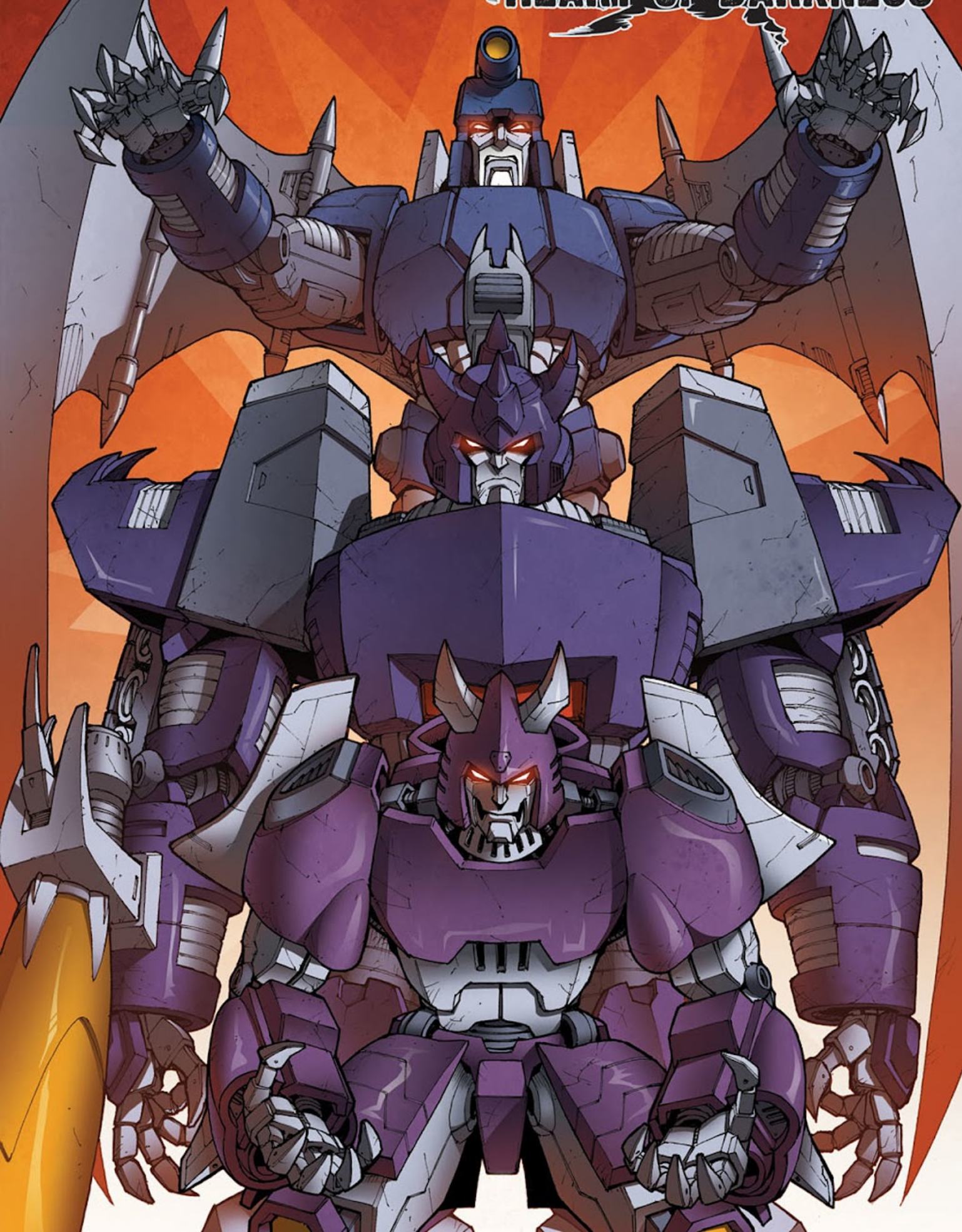
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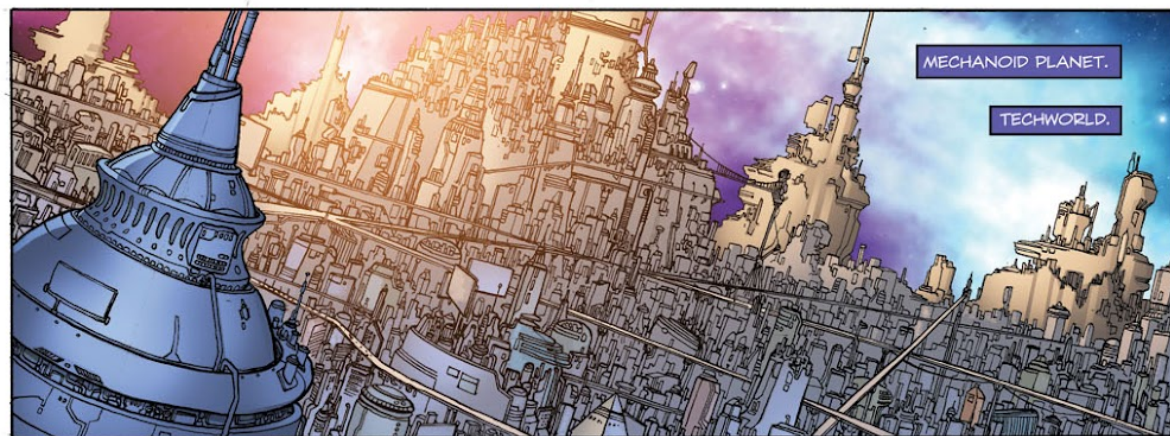
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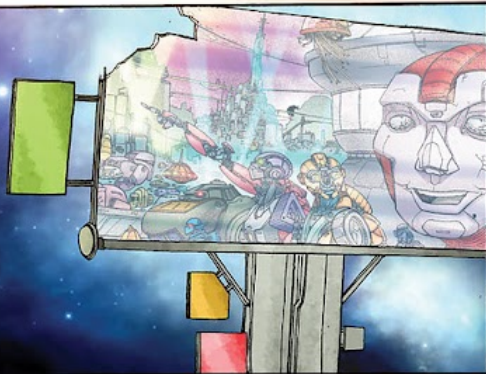
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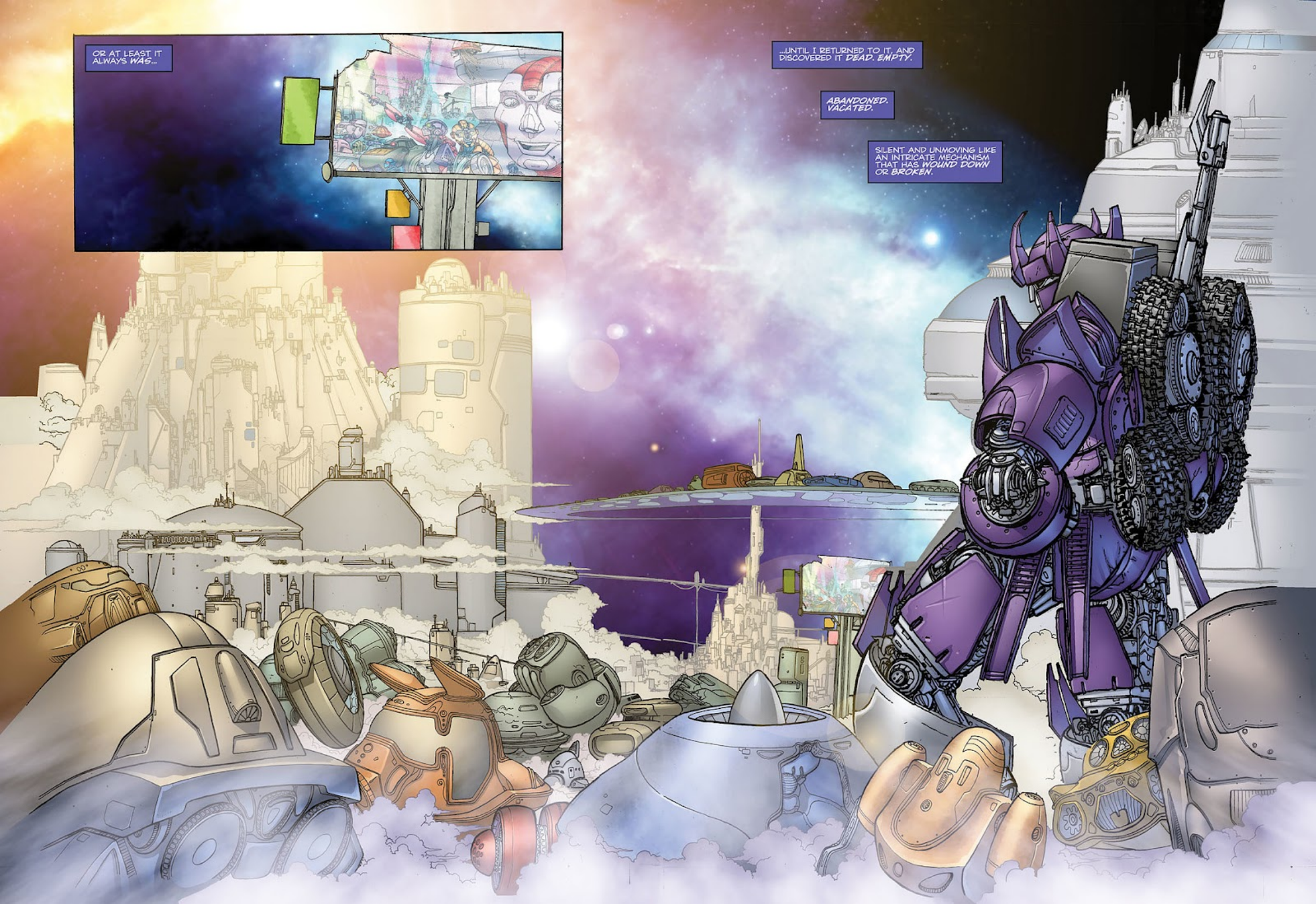
OR AT LEAST IT  
ALWAYS WAS...



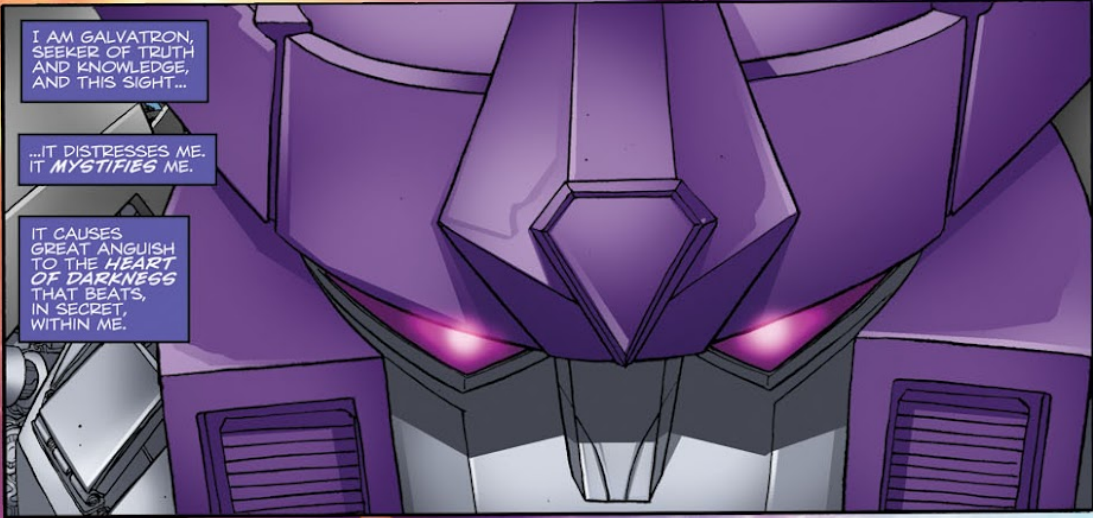
...UNTIL I RETURNED TO IT, AND  
DISCOVERED IT DEAD. EMPTY.

ABANDONED.  
VACATED.

SILENT AND UNMOVING LIKE  
AN INTRICATE MECHANISM  
THAT HAS WOUND DOWN  
OR BROKEN.





A close-up of Galvatron's face, showing his purple, angular features and glowing purple eyes. The background is a fiery orange and yellow sky.

I AM GALVATRON,  
SEEKER OF TRUTH  
AND KNOWLEDGE,  
AND THIS SIGHT...

...IT DISTRESSES ME.  
IT *MYSTIFIES* ME.

IT CAUSES  
GREAT ANGUISH  
TO THE *HEART  
OF DARKNESS*  
THAT BEATS,  
IN SECRET,  
WITHIN ME.

A large scene showing Galvatron in the center, surrounded by other Decepticons in a city setting. Galvatron is a large purple robot with a prominent head and glowing eyes. He is surrounded by several blue and purple robots. In the background, there are city buildings, a large cylindrical structure, and a bright orange and yellow sky. A red laser beam is visible in the sky.

CYCLONUS.  
SCOURGE.

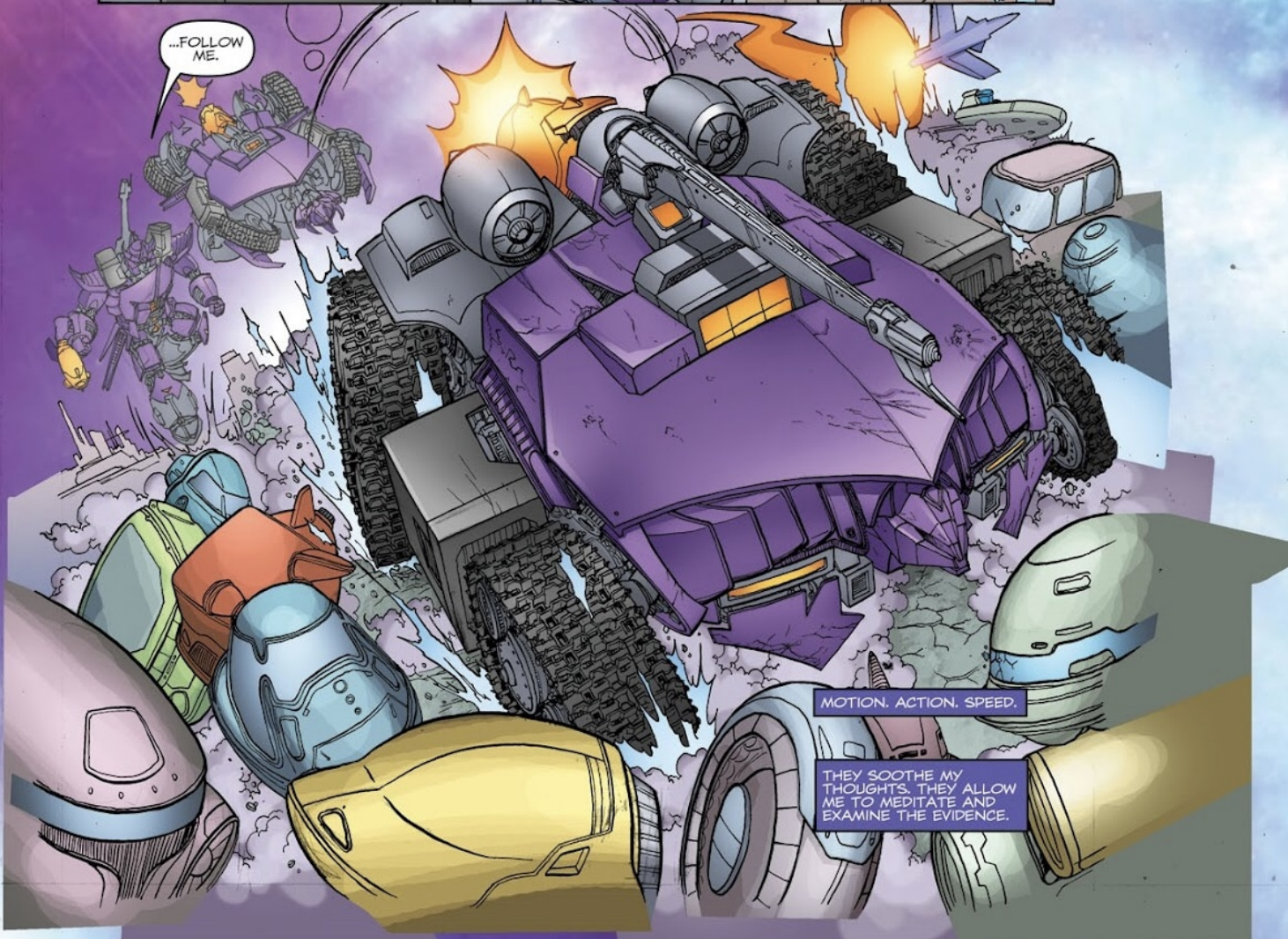
REPORT.

WHAT  
HAVE YOU  
FOUND?

NOTHING,  
GALVATRON.

NOTHING  
WHATSOEVER.









THE HEART THAT BEATS  
WITHIN ME POSSESSES  
GREATER POWER THAN I  
HAVE *EVER* KNOWN.

I KEEP MOVING TO BLEED  
THAT POWER AWAY, FOR  
FEAR IT WILL *CONSUME* ME.

I CONSIDER... *THE  
RECENT PAST*...



...OPTIMUS PRIME CAST ME INTO  
THE ENERGY RESERVOIR OF THE  
*SOLAR POOL* AT THE AUTOBOT  
PENAL COLONY OF GARRUS-9...

...INTENDING IT TO  
BE MY DOOM.\*

\*IN TRANSFORMERS: REVELATION

FOR THE FIRST FEW  
MICROSECONDS, THE  
ENERGY OF THE POOL  
WAS SO GREAT, I KNEW I  
WOULD BE *ANNIHILATED*.



INSTEAD, SOMETHING  
HAPPENED.

IN THE DARKNESS  
BEYOND THE PAIN  
OF DISINTEGRATION,  
SOMETHING WAS  
WAITING FOR ME.

CONTAINED WITHIN ME WAS THE  
DORMANT *ANTI-MATRIX* OF THE  
DEAD UNIVERSE, AND AT THAT  
MOMENT OF DANGER IT AWOKE AND  
*SAVED* ME. IT *JOINED* WITH ME.

A HEART OF DARKNESS.


AND I WAS REBORN.








BUT WHEN THEY SAW ME...  
WHEN THEY SAW THE POWER  
THAT HAD BECOME  
*INVESTED* IN ME...



...THEY ABASED THEMSELVES  
IN FEAR AND AWE.



I QUIT GARRUS-9, HEADING  
FOR GORLAM PRIME.



THERE, I HOPED, I COULD  
REUNITE WITH THE SEEKERS WHO  
HAD TRAVELLED THROUGH INTO  
THE *DEAD UNIVERSE* WITH ME.

I THOUGHT THAT, LIKE ME,  
THEY MIGHT *RECOGNIZE*  
THE PROVIDENCE OF THE  
ANTI-MATRIX NOW  
RESIDING WITHIN ME.

IT WAS WHISPERING WARNINGS TO  
ME... WARNINGS OF THE THREAT  
THE *DEAD UNIVERSE* REPRESENTED.





I THOUGHT THE SEEKERS  
MIGHT HELP ME *INTERPRET*  
ITS WARNING AND *DEFINE*  
ITS PURPOSE.

IN DEATH, I HAD BEEN  
*TRANSMUTED*. SOMETHING  
HAD EMPOWERED ME AND I  
NEEDED TO KNOW WHAT IT  
WANTED ME TO *DO*.

BUT, I  
DISCOVERED, I  
HAD BEEN IN  
THE *NO-TIME*  
OF THE SOLAR  
POOL FOR A  
MATTER OF  
YEARS.

ON GORLAM  
PRIME, CYCLONUS  
AND SCOURGE  
HAD BEEN  
SLOWLY *DYING*.  
THE SEEKERS  
WERE ALL DYING.

CUT OFF FROM THE  
DEAD UNIVERSE,  
THEY HAD BEEN  
*DEGENERATING*.

I WAS NOT. THE DARKNESS WAS  
STOPPING THAT PROCESS IN ME.

SO I *SHARED*  
THE POWER  
WITH THEM. AND  
I TOLD THEM...

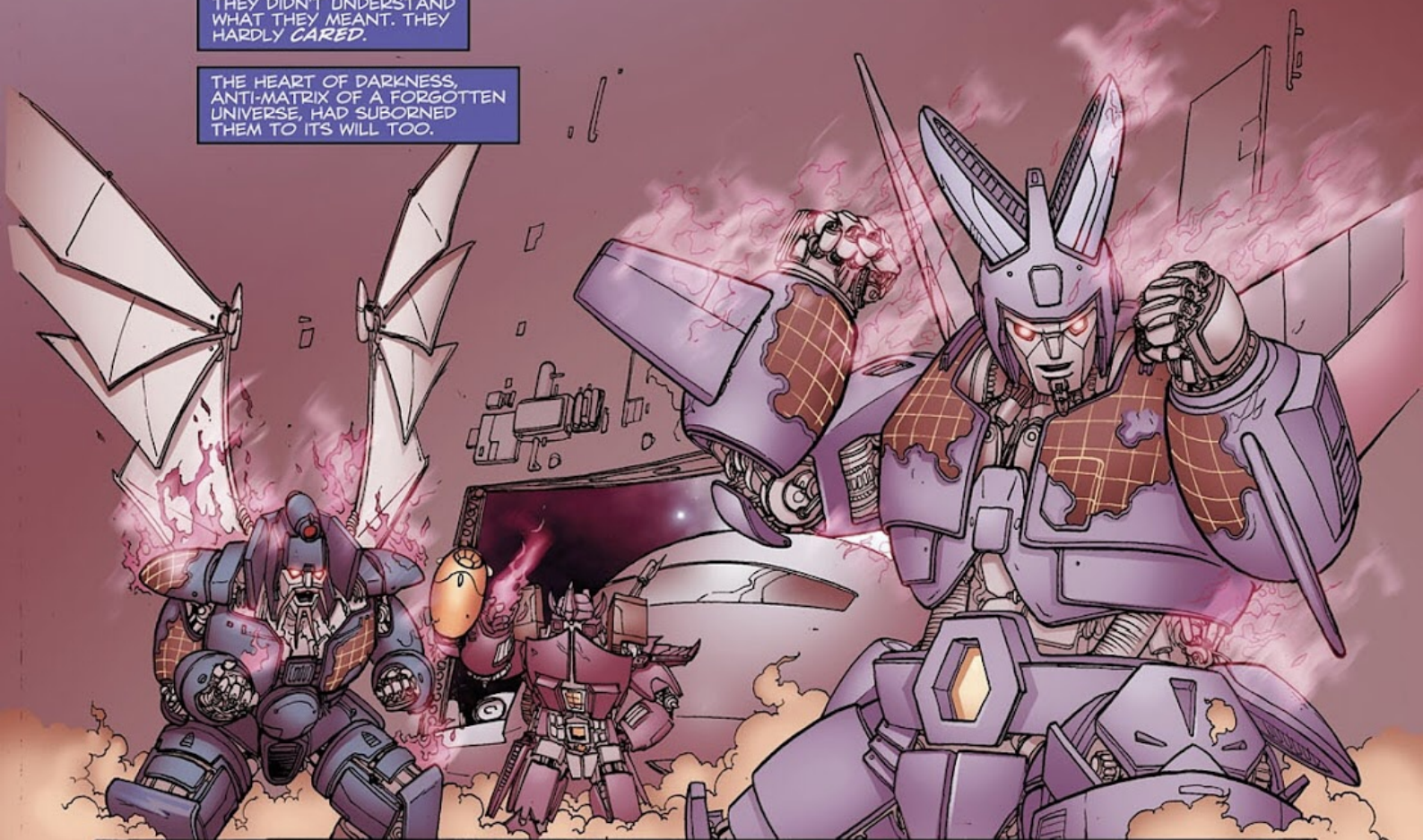
WE HAVE  
A *NEW*  
MISSION.

WE ARE  
TRANSFORMED  
INTO *CATALYSTS*  
OF *CHANGE*.



THEY DIDN'T UNDERSTAND  
WHAT THEY MEANT. THEY  
HARDLY *CARED*.

THE HEART OF DARKNESS,  
ANTI-MATRIX OF A FORGOTTEN  
UNIVERSE, HAD SUBORNNED  
THEM TO ITS WILL TOO.



SCOURGE IMMEDIATELY  
SENT OUT HIS SWEEPS...

...OUR PRIORITY WAS  
EXPLAINING THE  
MYSTERIOUS *EMPTINESS*  
OF GORLAM PRIME.

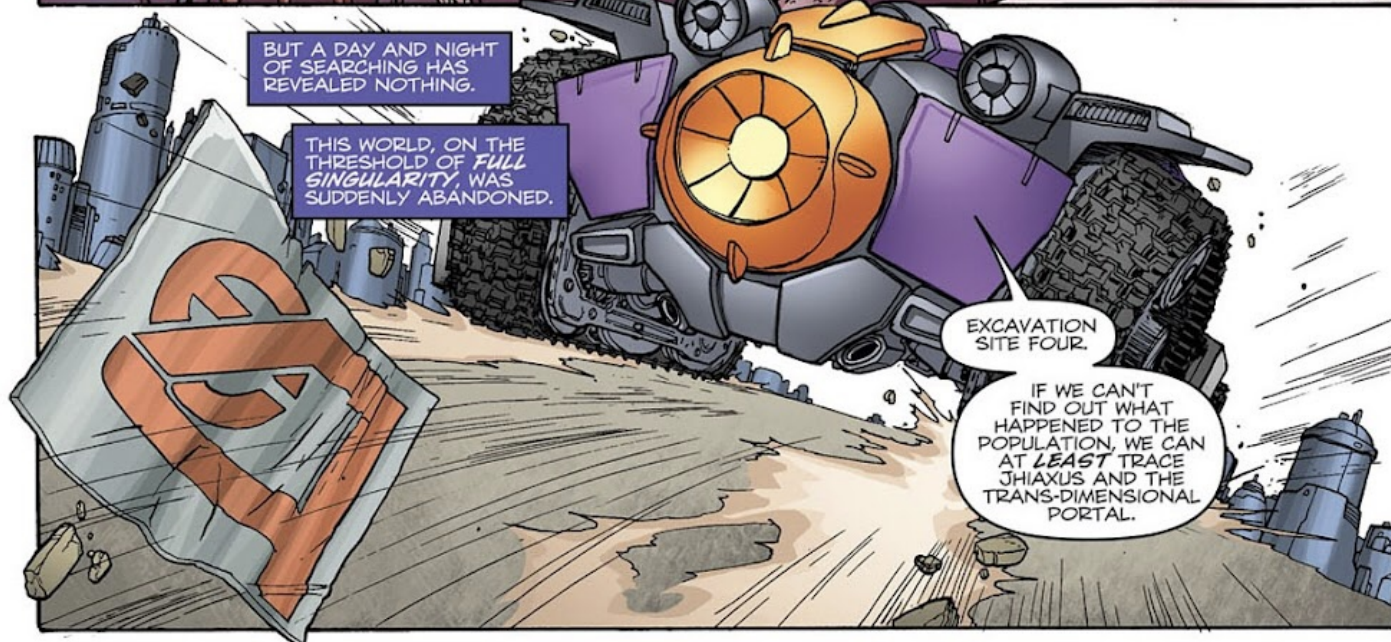
SCOURGE AND CYCLONUS HAD  
BECOME SO PROGRESSIVELY  
*DEGENERATED* IN MY  
ABSENCE, THEY HAD NO  
MEMORY OF THE EVENTS.



JUST A FLASH  
OF LIGHT, THEY  
SAID, AND A  
MEMORY BLANK.

BUT A DAY AND NIGHT  
OF SEARCHING HAS  
REVEALED NOTHING.

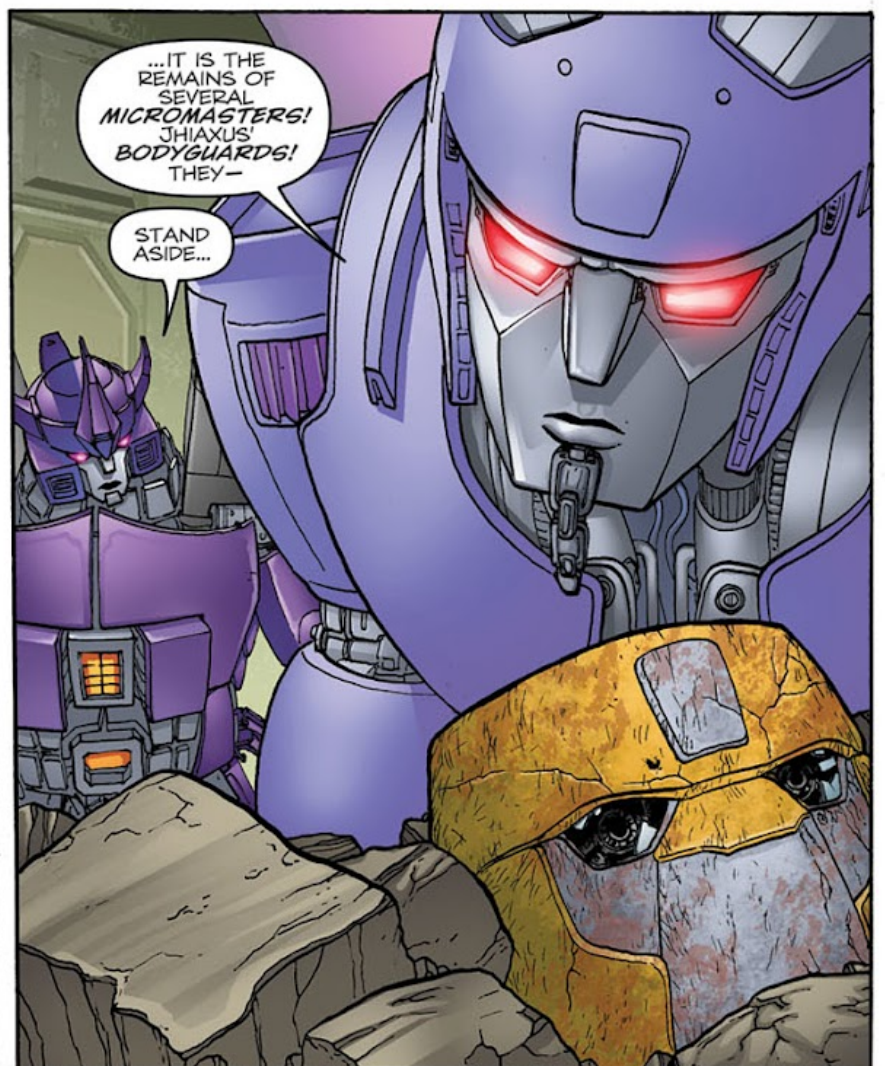
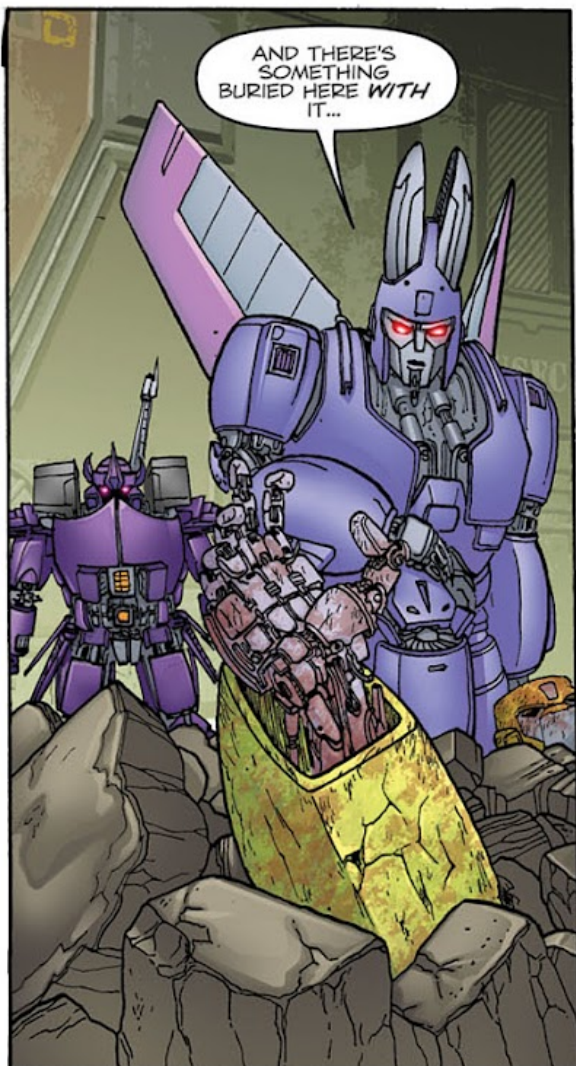
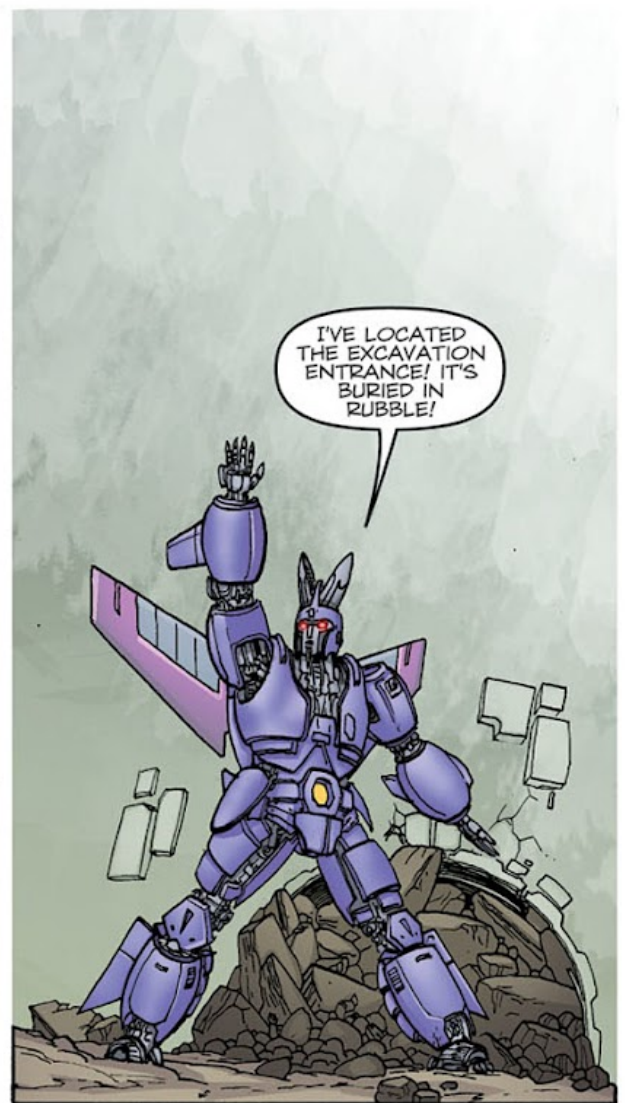
THIS WORLD, ON THE  
THRESHOLD OF *FULL*  
*SINGULARITY*, WAS  
SUDDENLY ABANDONED.



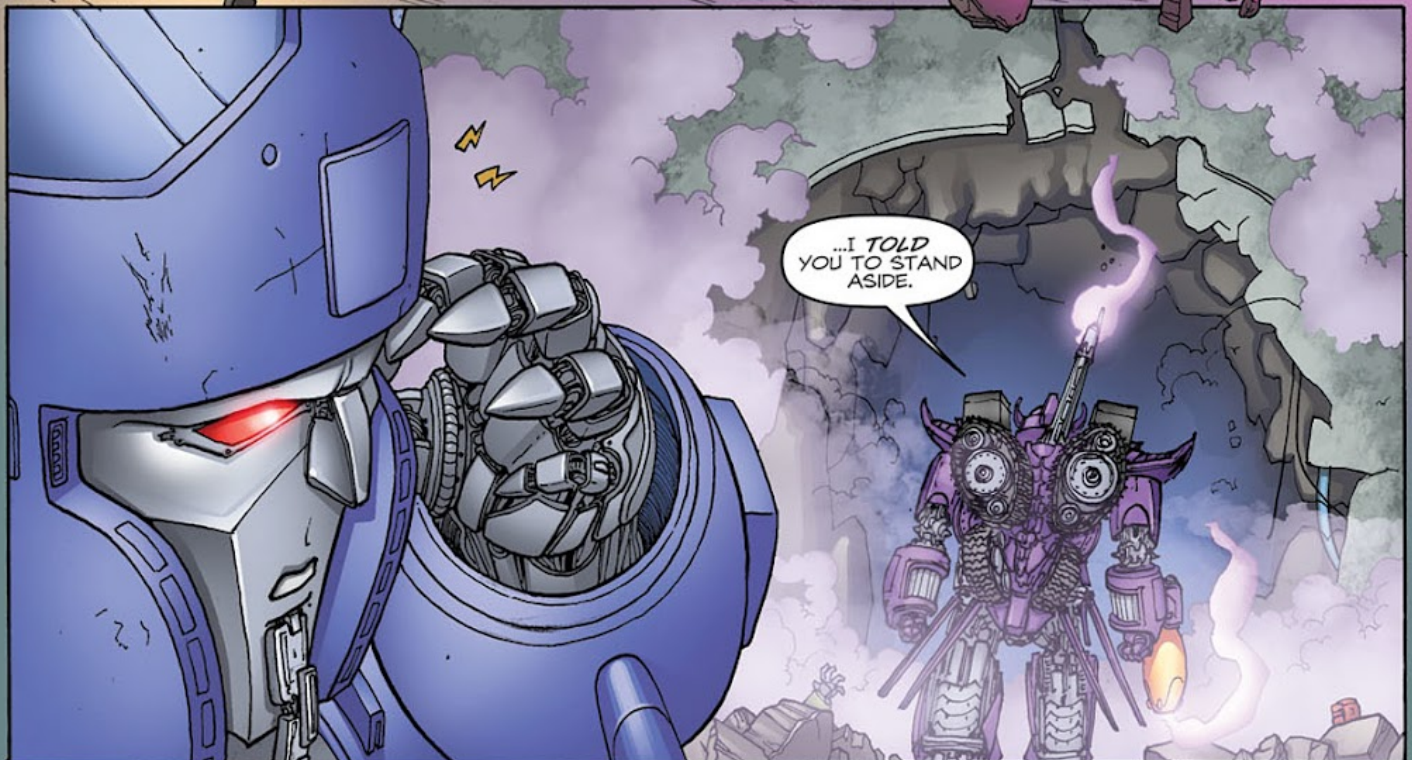
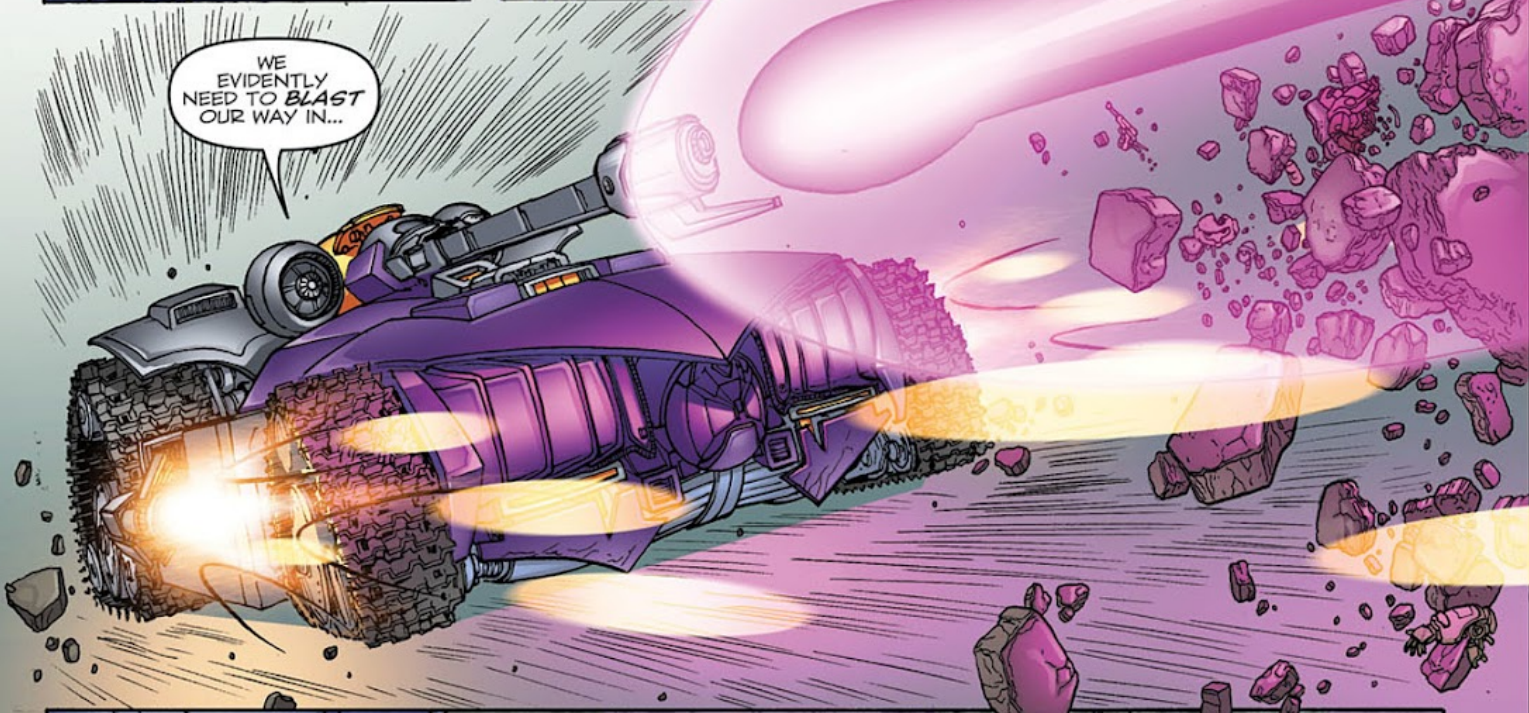
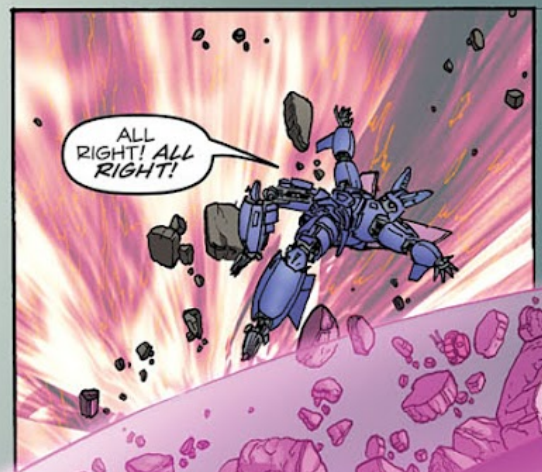
EXCAVATION  
SITE FOUR.

IF WE CAN'T  
FIND OUT WHAT  
HAPPENED TO THE  
POPULATION, WE CAN  
AT *LEAST* TRACE  
JHIAXUS AND THE  
TRANS-DIMENSIONAL  
PORTAL.

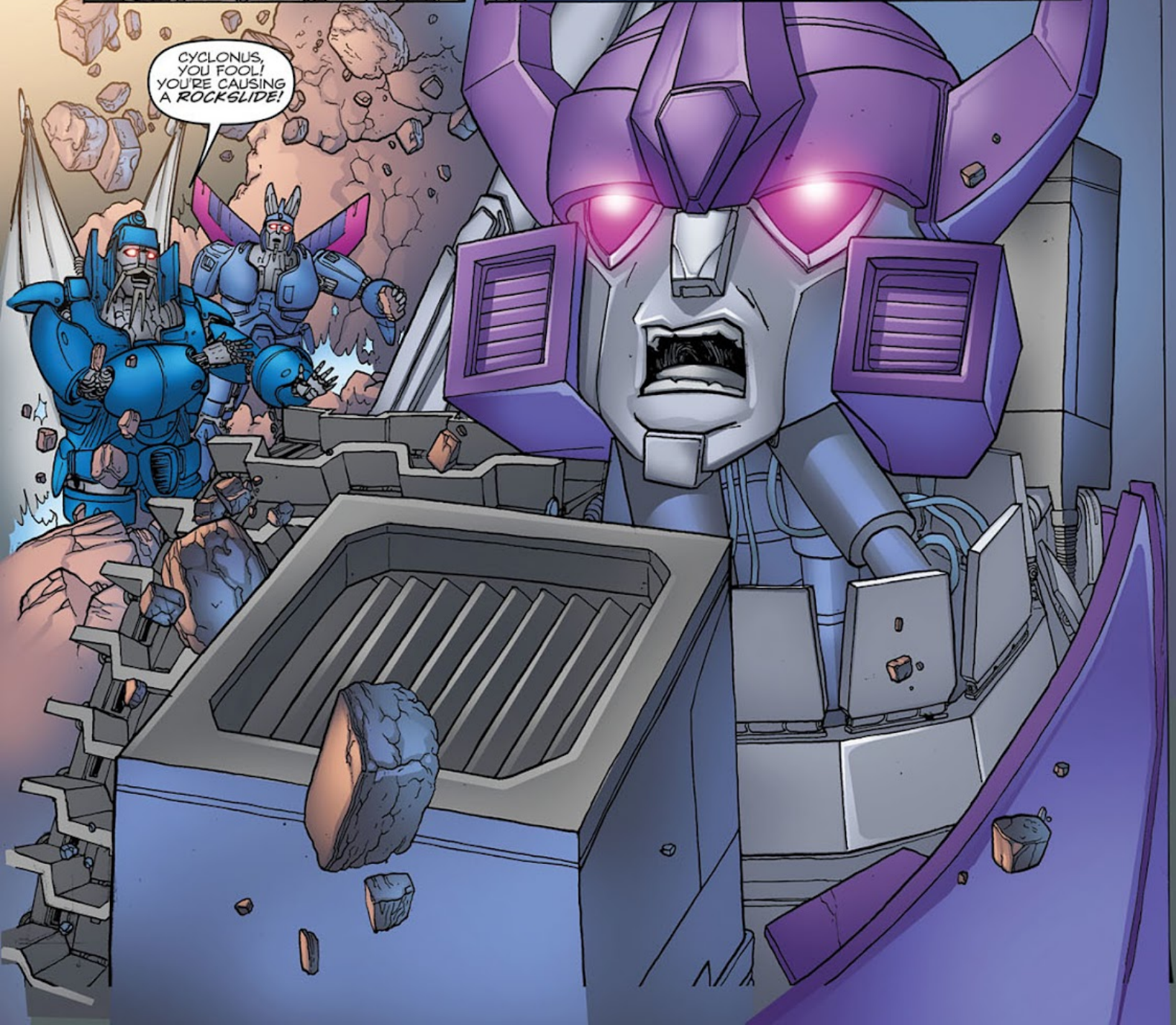
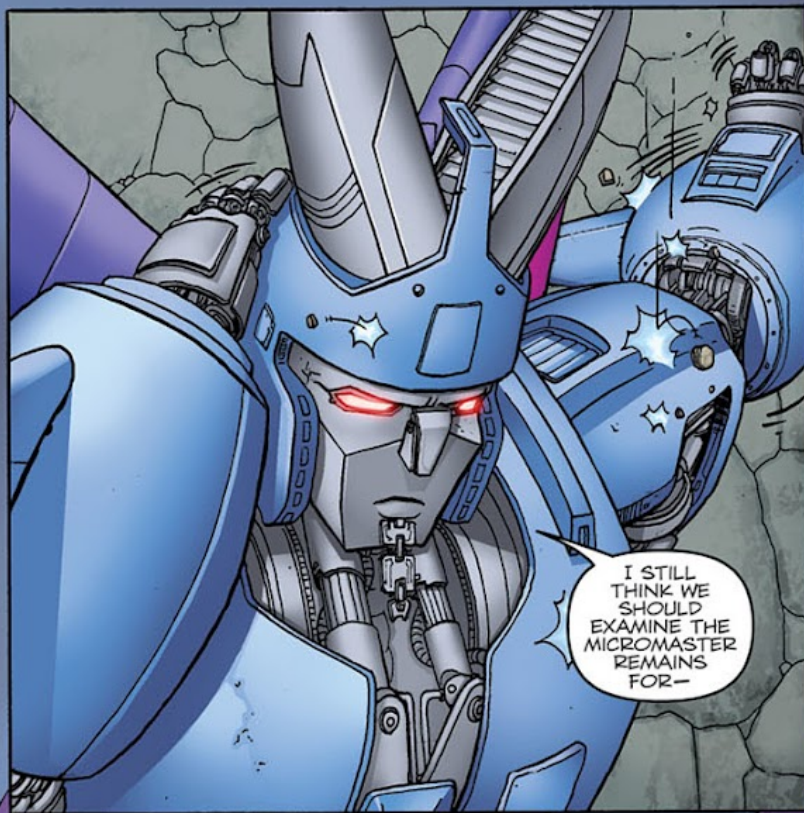




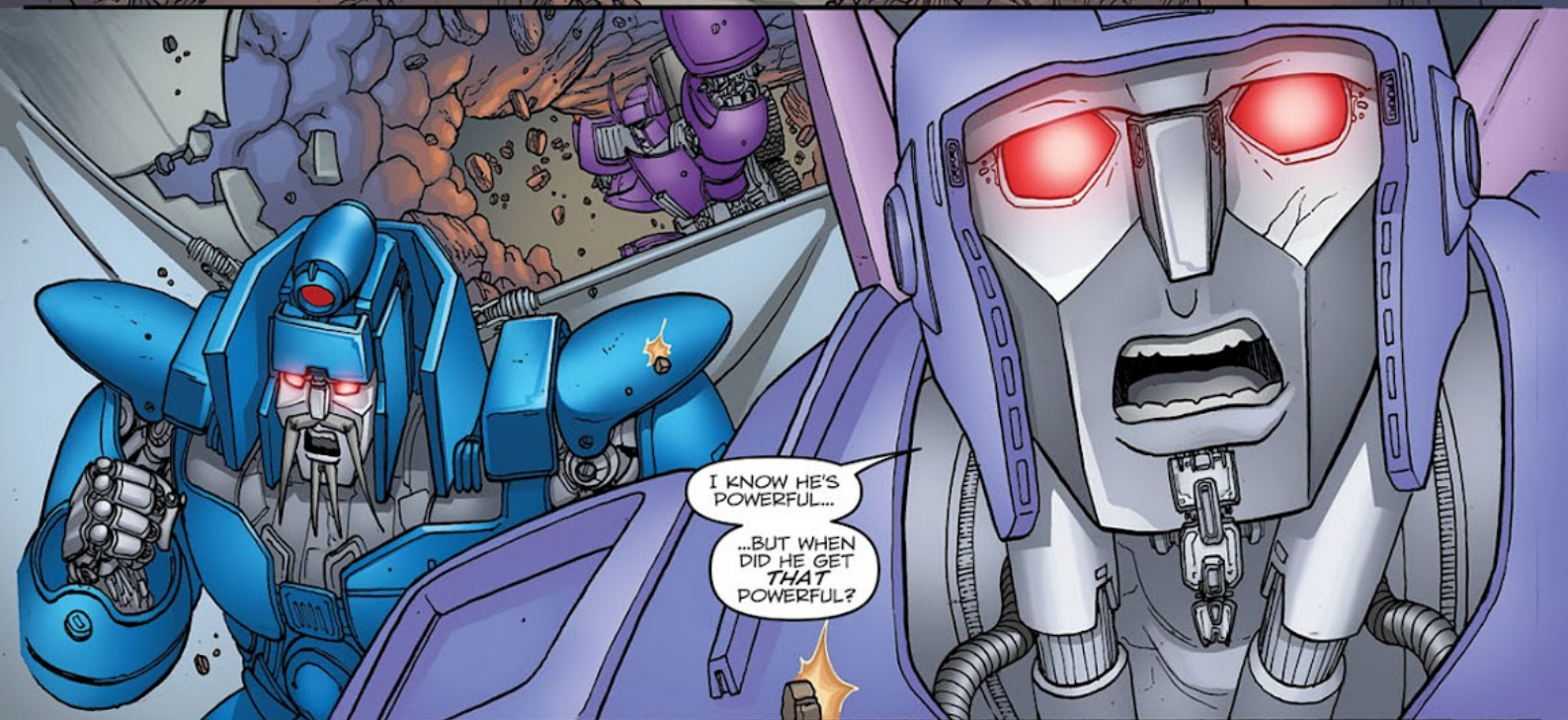
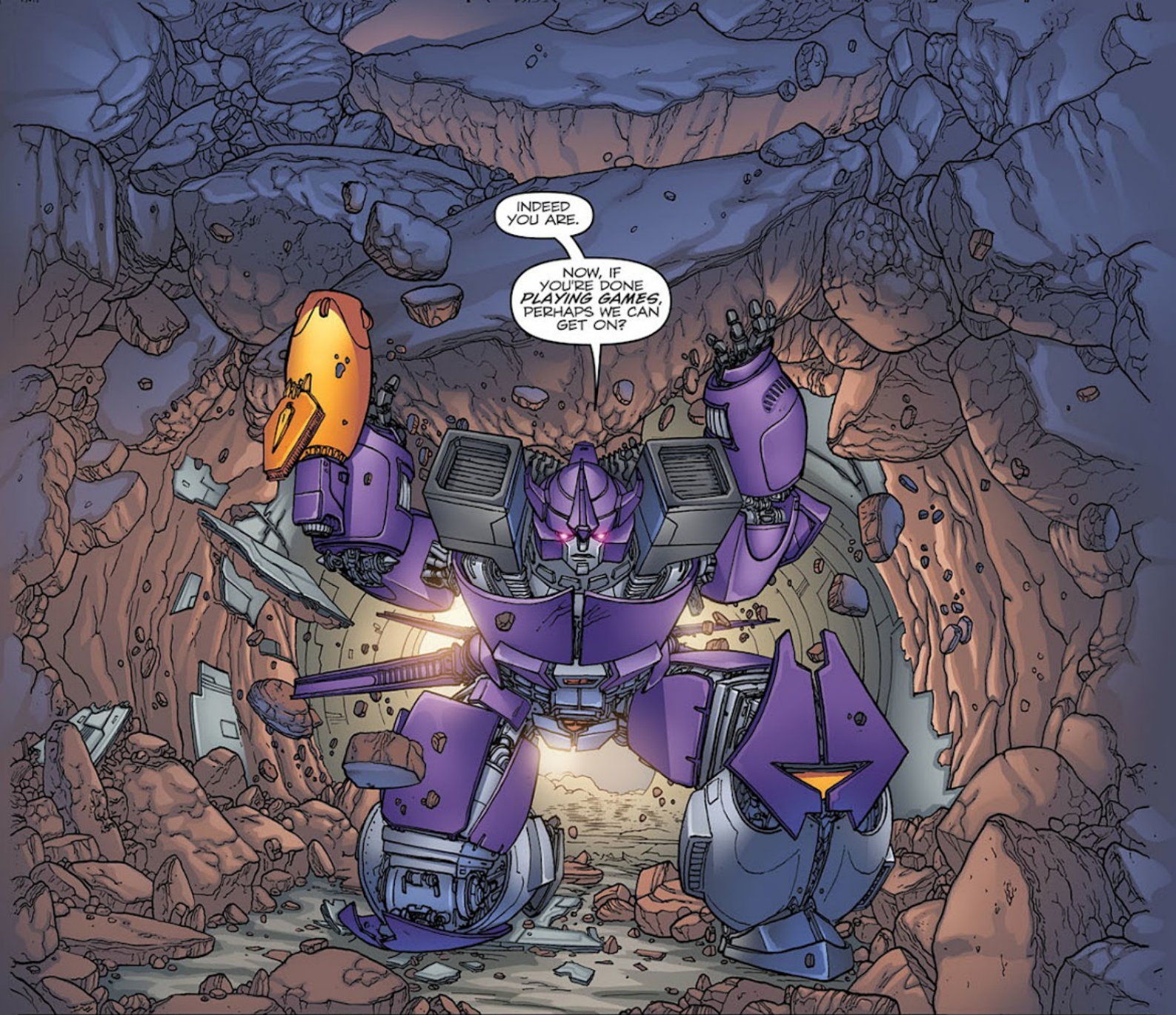





















"...ARCEE DID THIS TO ME. IT WAS PUNISHMENT FOR THE CHANGES I WROUGHT UPON *HER*."

"YEARS SHE SPENT, EXACTING HER REVENGE."

"THEN SHE AND HARDHEAD *VANISHED* IN A FLASH OF LIGHT, AND MY MEMORY STOPPED RECORDING."

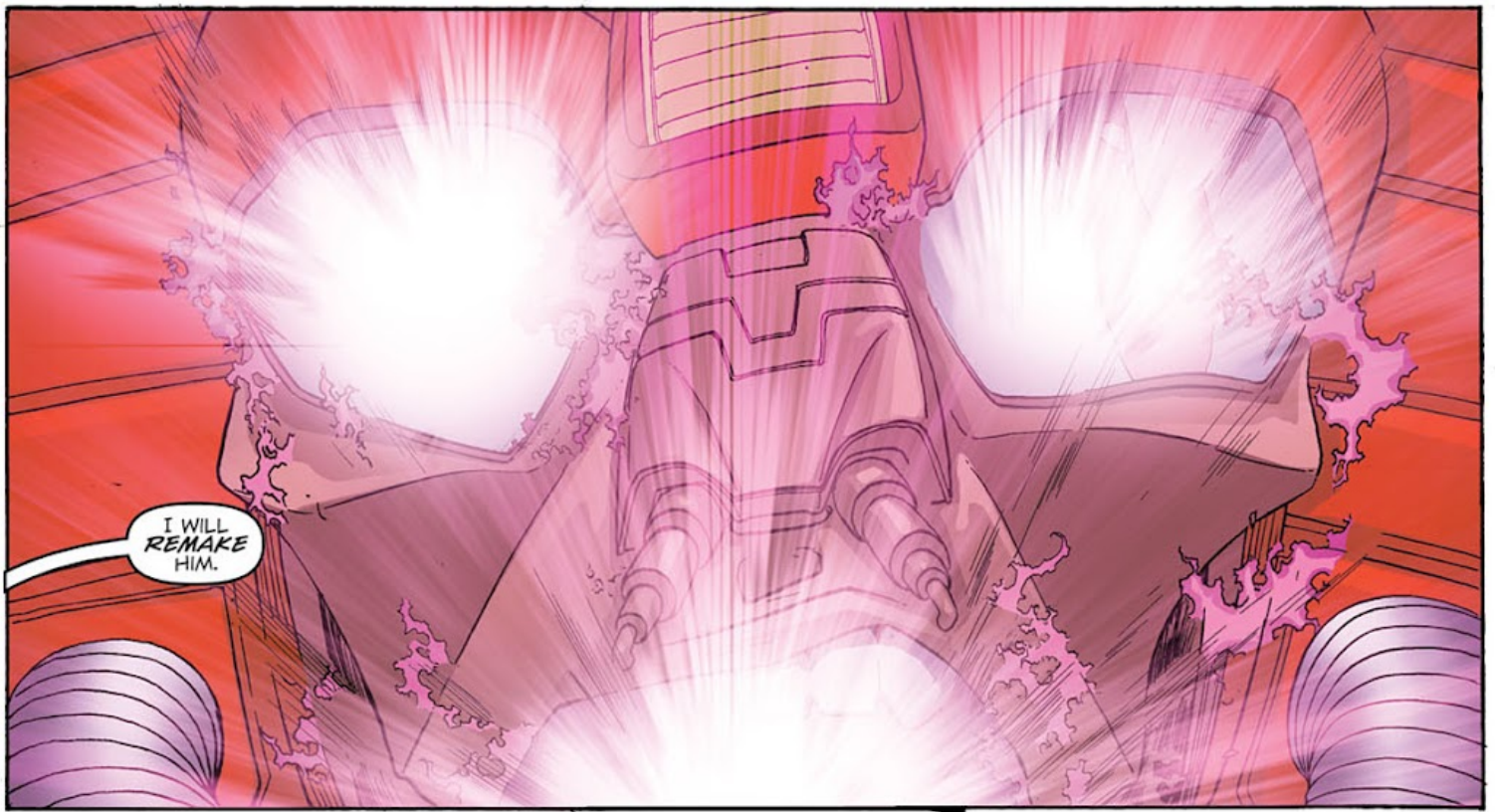
I DO NOT KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO THIS WORLD.

ALL I KNOW IS IT HAS BEEN *YEARS* SINCE WE LAST MET, AND PAIN IS *ALL* THAT HAS FILLED THOSE YEARS FOR ME.



ASSEMBLE HIS BROKEN COMPONENTS. PLACE THEM NEAR HIM.





I WILL  
REMAKE  
HIM.



EXTRAORDINARY!

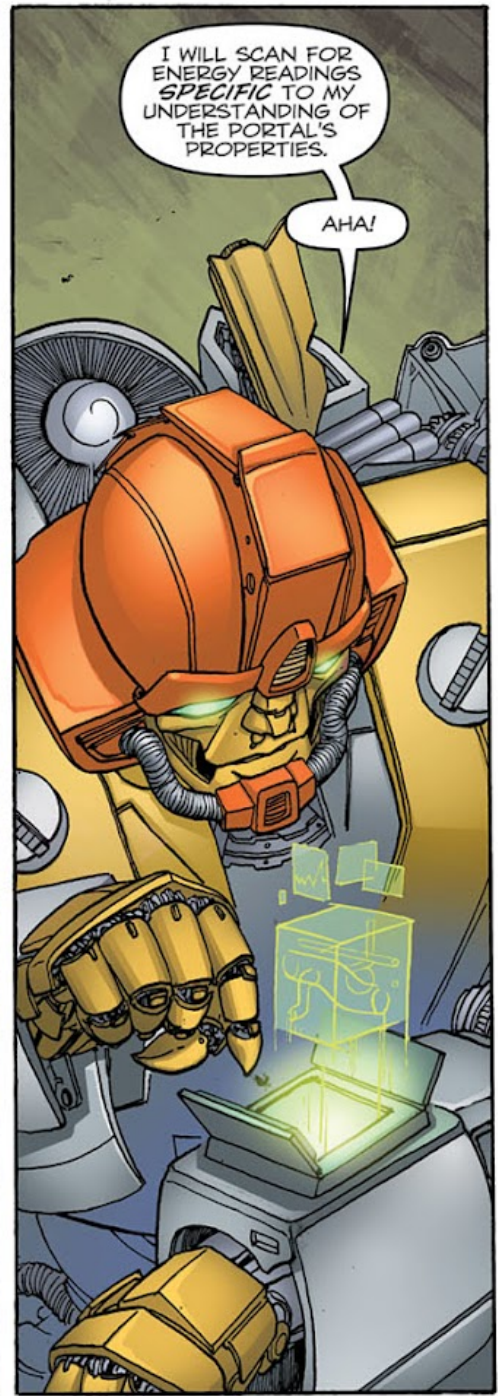
YOU HAVE  
REPAIRED WHAT  
IT TOOK ARCEE  
YEARS TO  
DESTROY!

HOW  
CAN I  
EVER—



JUST  
HELP ME  
UNDERSTAND  
WHAT  
HAPPENED  
HERE.

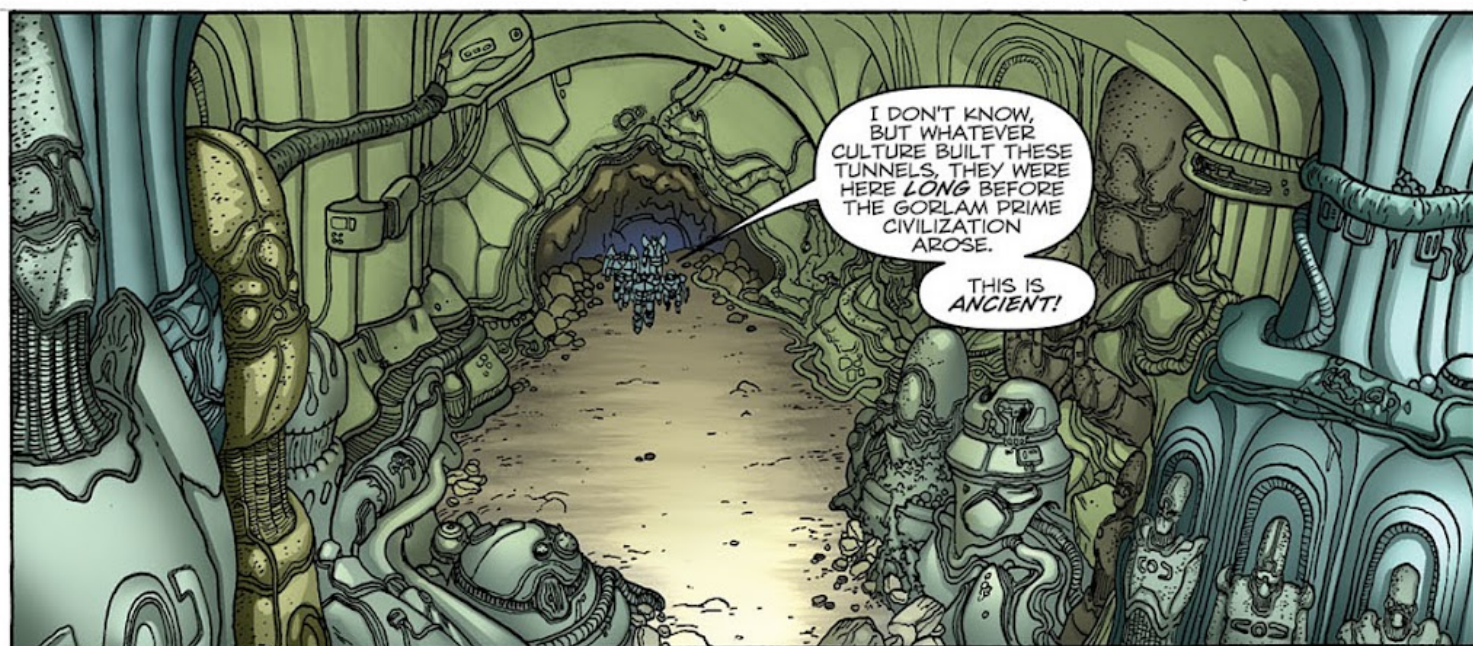
HELP ME  
FIND THE  
PORTAL.



I WILL SCAN FOR  
ENERGY READINGS  
SPECIFIC TO MY  
UNDERSTANDING OF  
THE PORTAL'S  
PROPERTIES.

AHA!









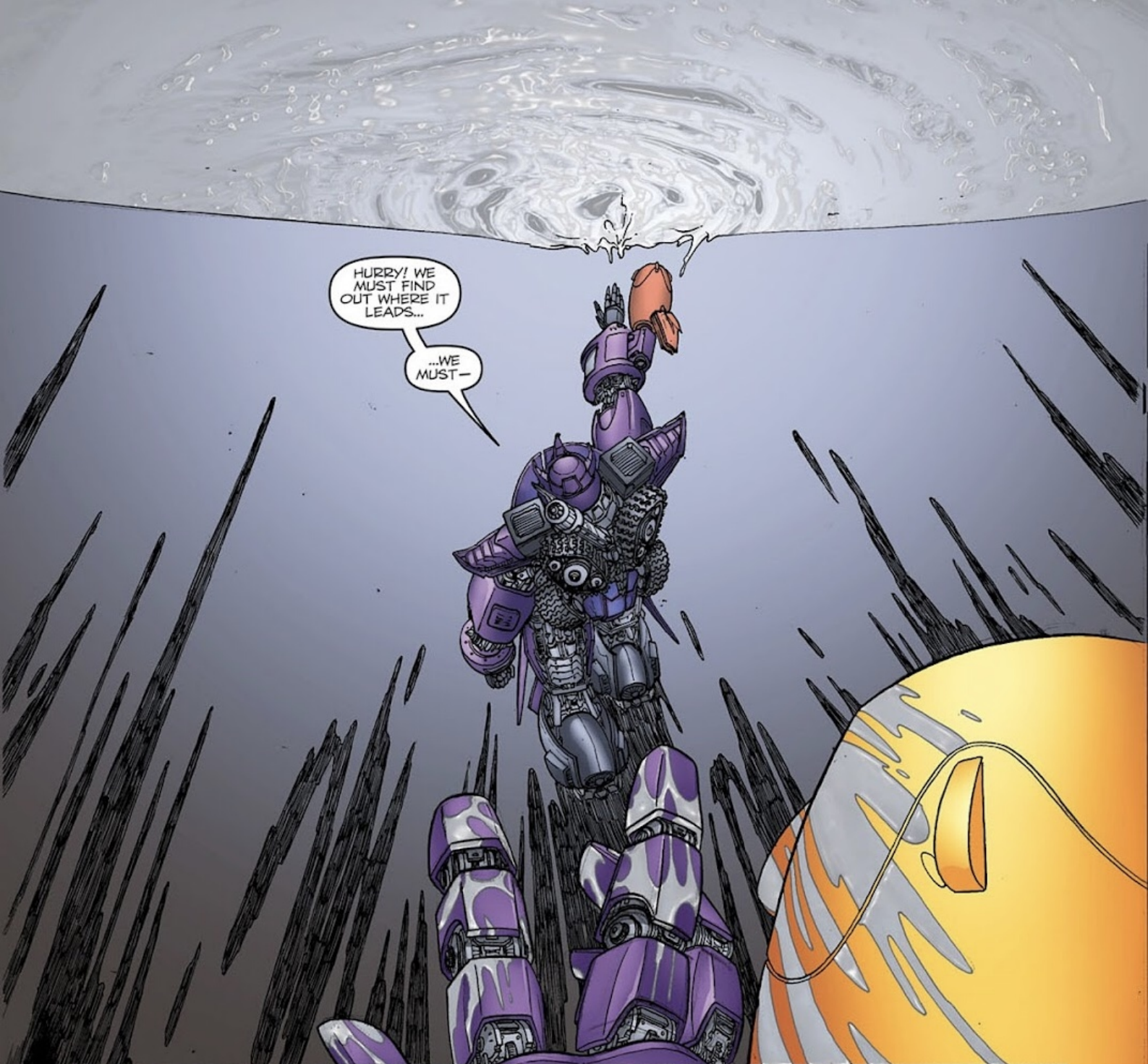
A  
PORTAL!

ANOTHER  
TRANS-DIMENSIONAL  
GATE!

NOT A  
POOL THIS  
TIME... A  
SPHERE!

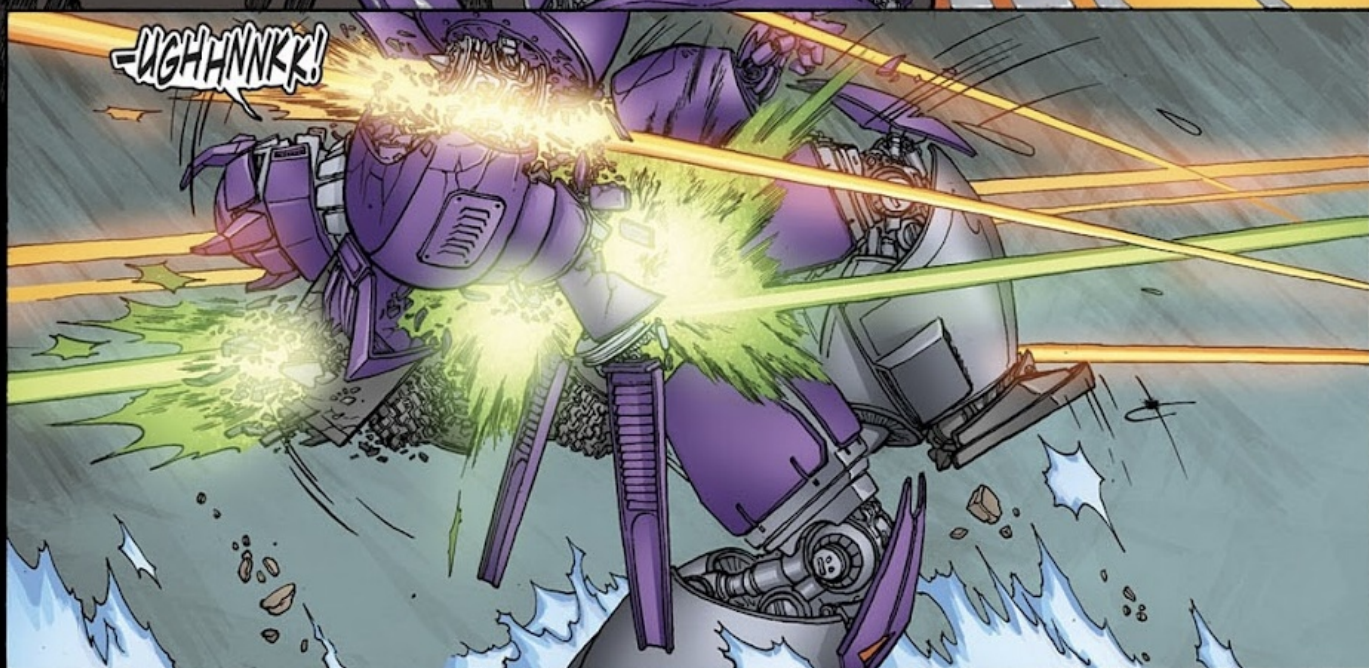






HURRY! WE  
MUST FIND  
OUT WHERE IT  
LEADS...

...WE  
MUST—



-UGHNNKK!





YOU MUST  
DO NOTHING  
EXCEPT DIE!

HIT THEM,  
HARDHEAD!  
DESTROY  
THEM ALL!

TO BE CONTINUED...



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The story so far: After emerging from the solar pool where he was hurled to his death, Galvatron tracks down Cyclonus and Scourge and recruits them to his cause. Galvatron's Heart of Darkness leads him to Gorlam Prime, where they find the planet seemingly abandoned by all of its citizens. They make their way underground, where they find a forever-suffering Jhiaxus in a terrible state... but no one else. Finally, Galvatron and the others enter a room containing a large, mysterious sphere that glows in the darkness. As Galvatron reaches out for it... he is gunned down by Arcee and Hardhead, who have engaged in a surprise attack!

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ALL I CAME HERE FOR  
WERE *ANSWERS*.

WHAT MYSTERIOUS  
AND *ABSOLUTE* FATE  
BEFELL THE PLANET  
GORLAM PRIME?

HOW WAS THAT LINKED TO  
THE GROWING MENACE OF  
THE *DEAD UNIVERSE*?

WHAT PART DID MY NEW,  
*TRANSFORMED* STATE  
PLAY IN THE STRUGGLE  
*AGAINST* THAT MENACE?

WHAT HAD  
TRANSFORMED ME?

GALVATRON'S  
DOWN!

IN THE SECRET,  
SUBTERRANEAN SHADOWS  
OF GORLAM PRIME, WE HAD  
DISCOVERED A SPHEROID  
*TRANS-DIMENSIONAL*  
*PORTAL* THAT PROMISED  
TO YIELD ANSWERS TO *ALL*  
OF THOSE QUESTIONS,  
AND *MORE* BESIDES.

BUT A SAVAGE AMBUSH BY  
*ARCEE* AND *HARDHEAD*  
LEFT ME STRICKEN AND  
DYING ON THE VERY  
*BRINK* OF REVELATION.







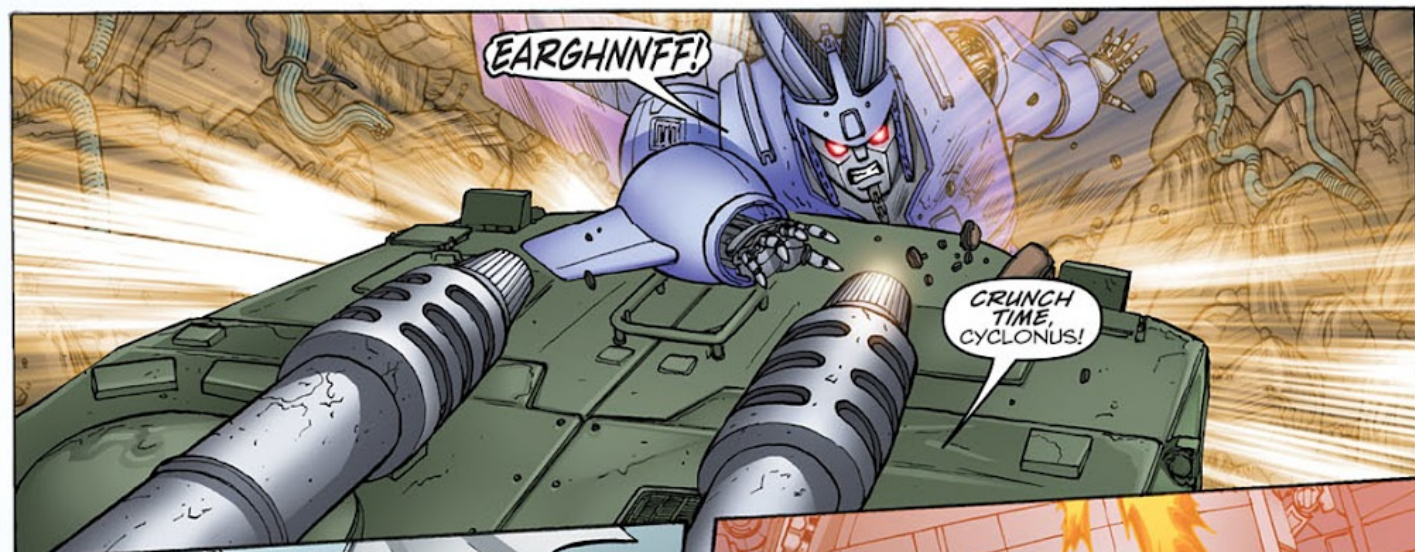
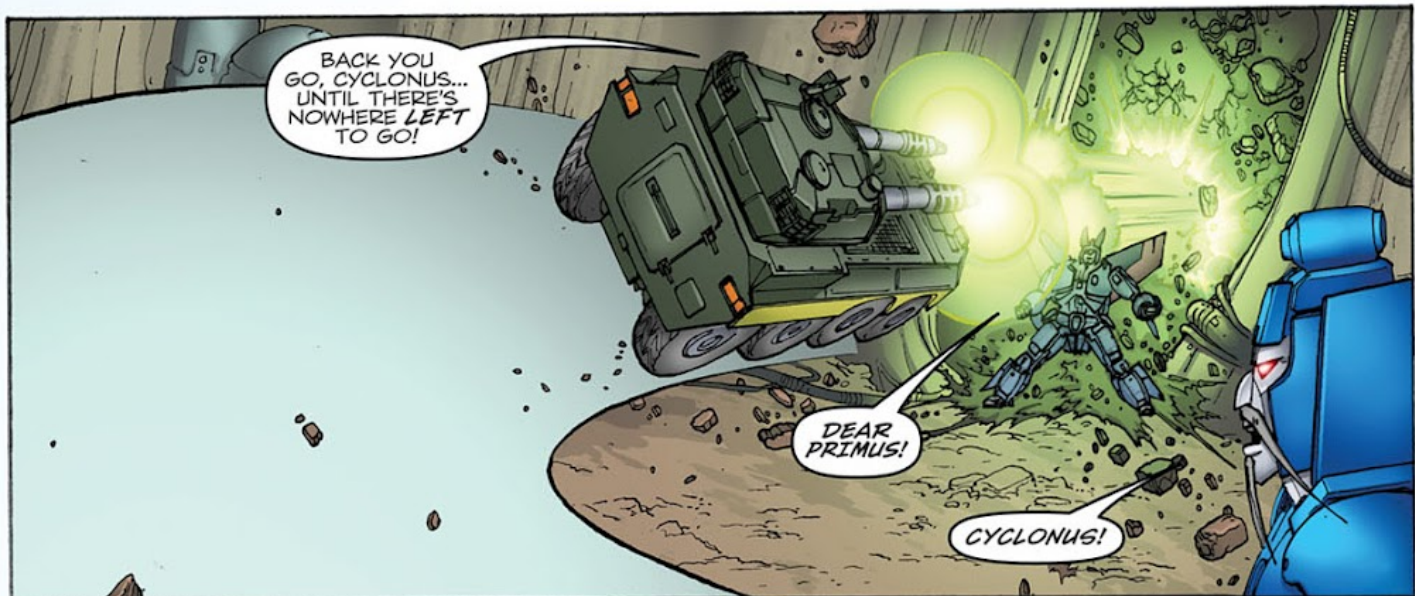




THIS WILL BE FINISHED IN SECONDS... *SECONDS!* THEY'RE ALL OVER US!

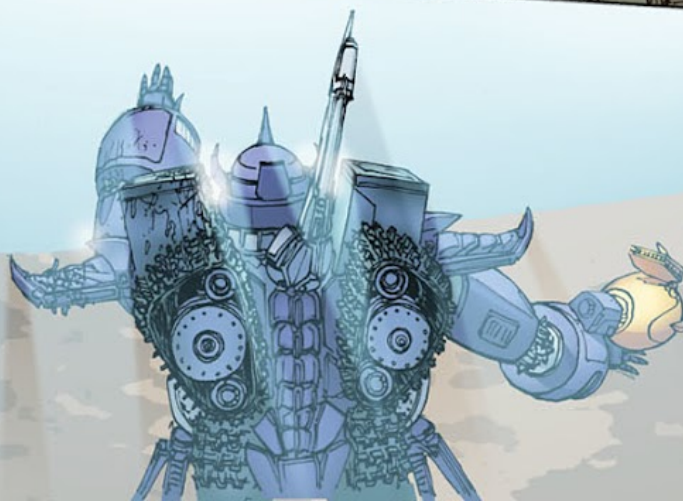
MUST RECOVER MYSELF! FIGHT BACK!



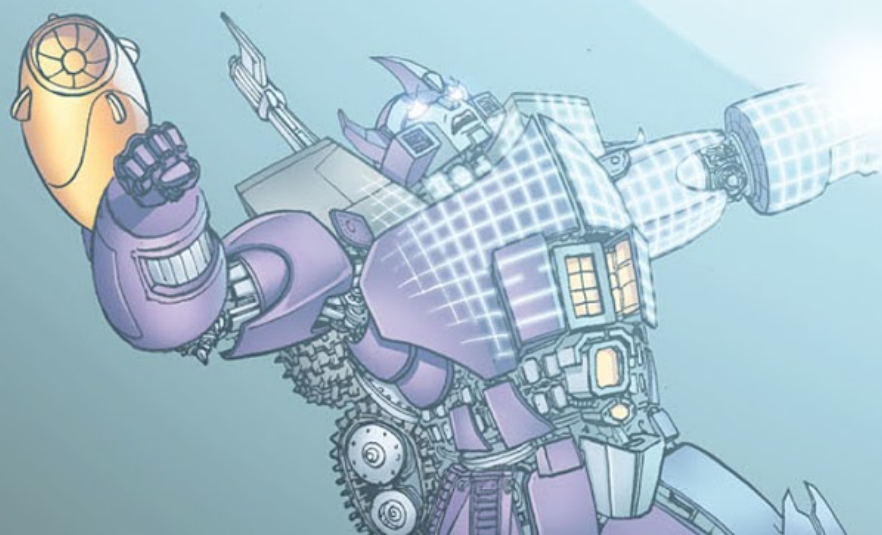
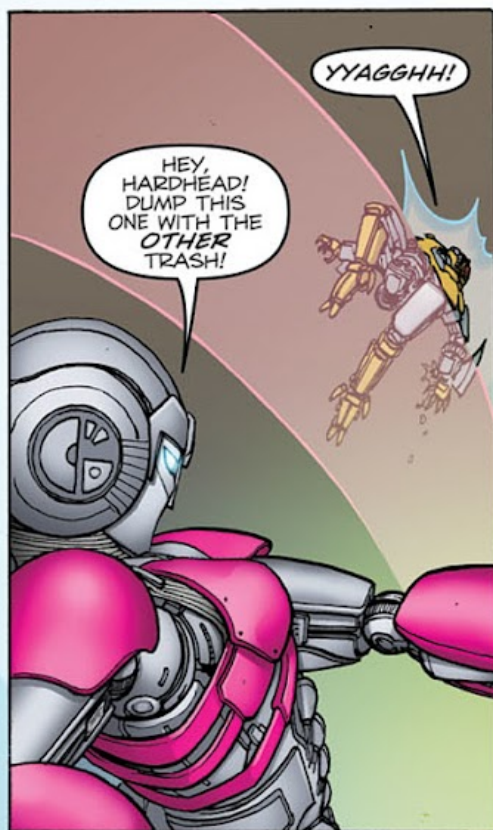
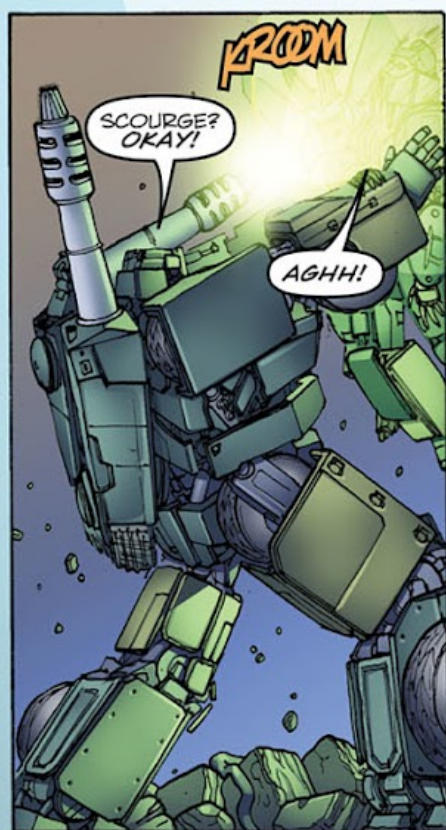
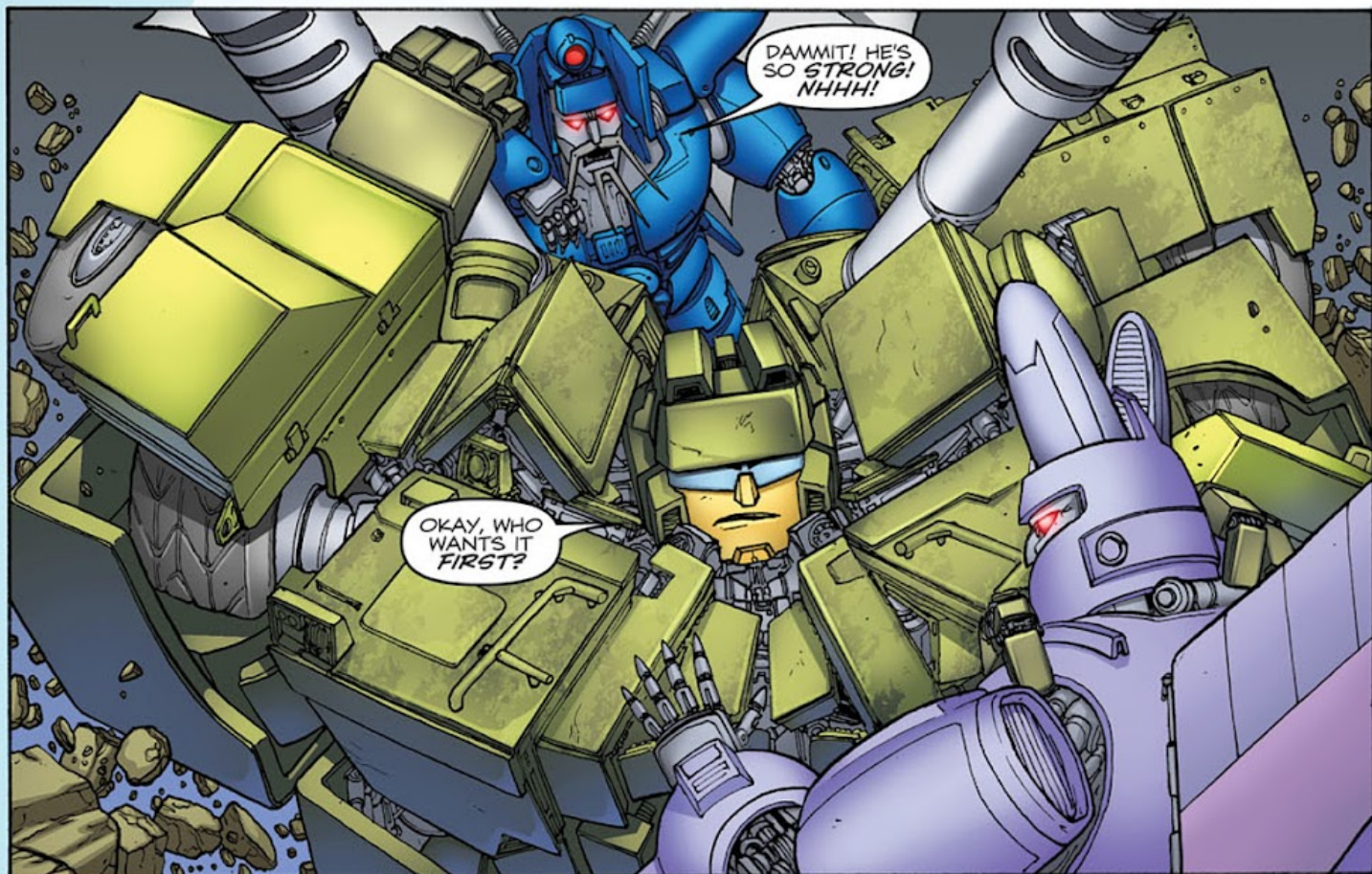


THE PORTAL SPHERE... IT'S MY ONLY CHANCE...

...IF I CAN ACCESS IT... TAP MORE POWER FROM THE DEAD UNIVERSE...







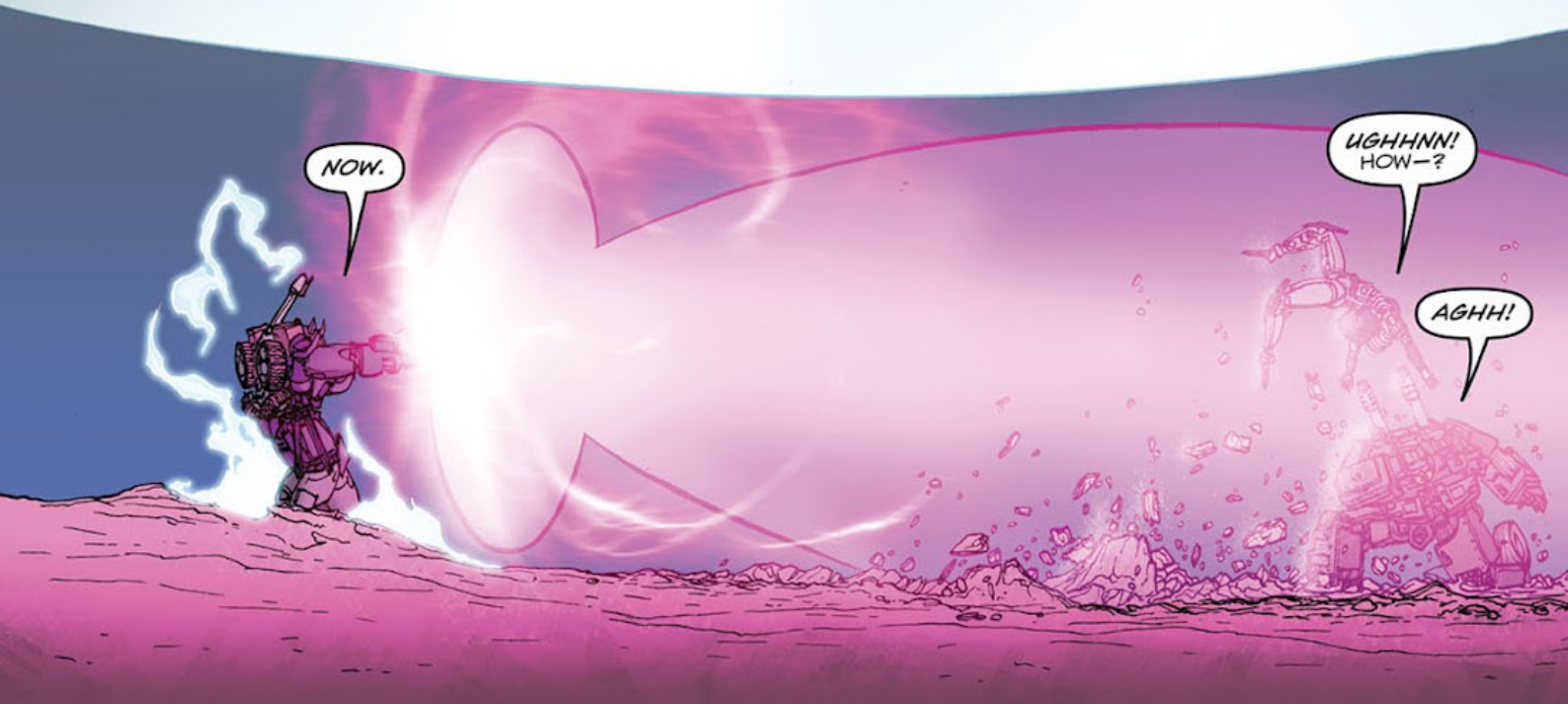
THAT'S IT. THAT'S IT!

I CAN HEAR THE COLD,  
ETERNAL SONG OF  
THE DEAD UNIVERSE!  
I CAN FEEL IT—





LEAVE MY  
SEEKERS  
ALONE.

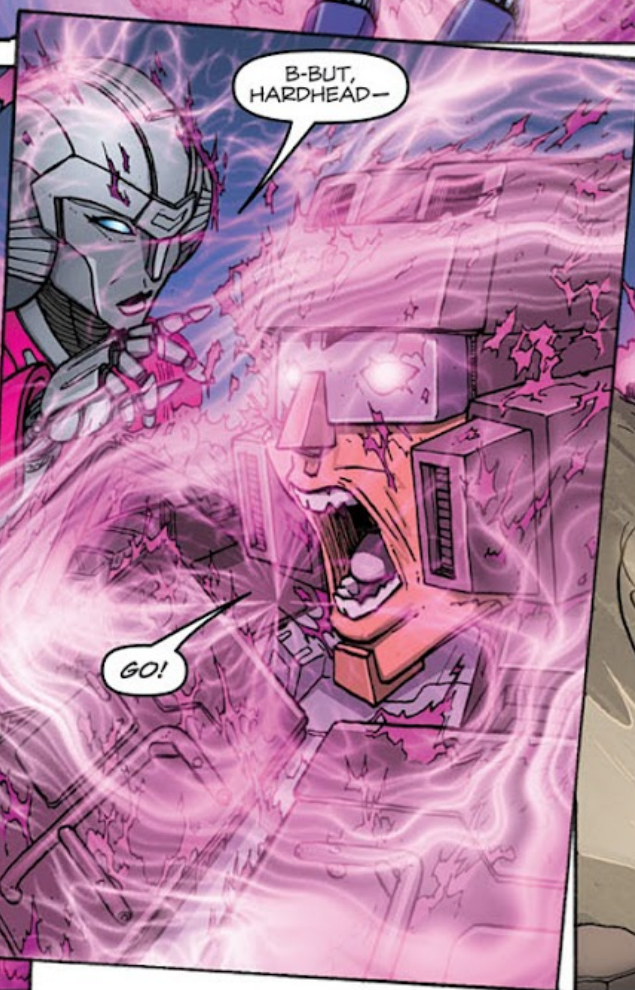
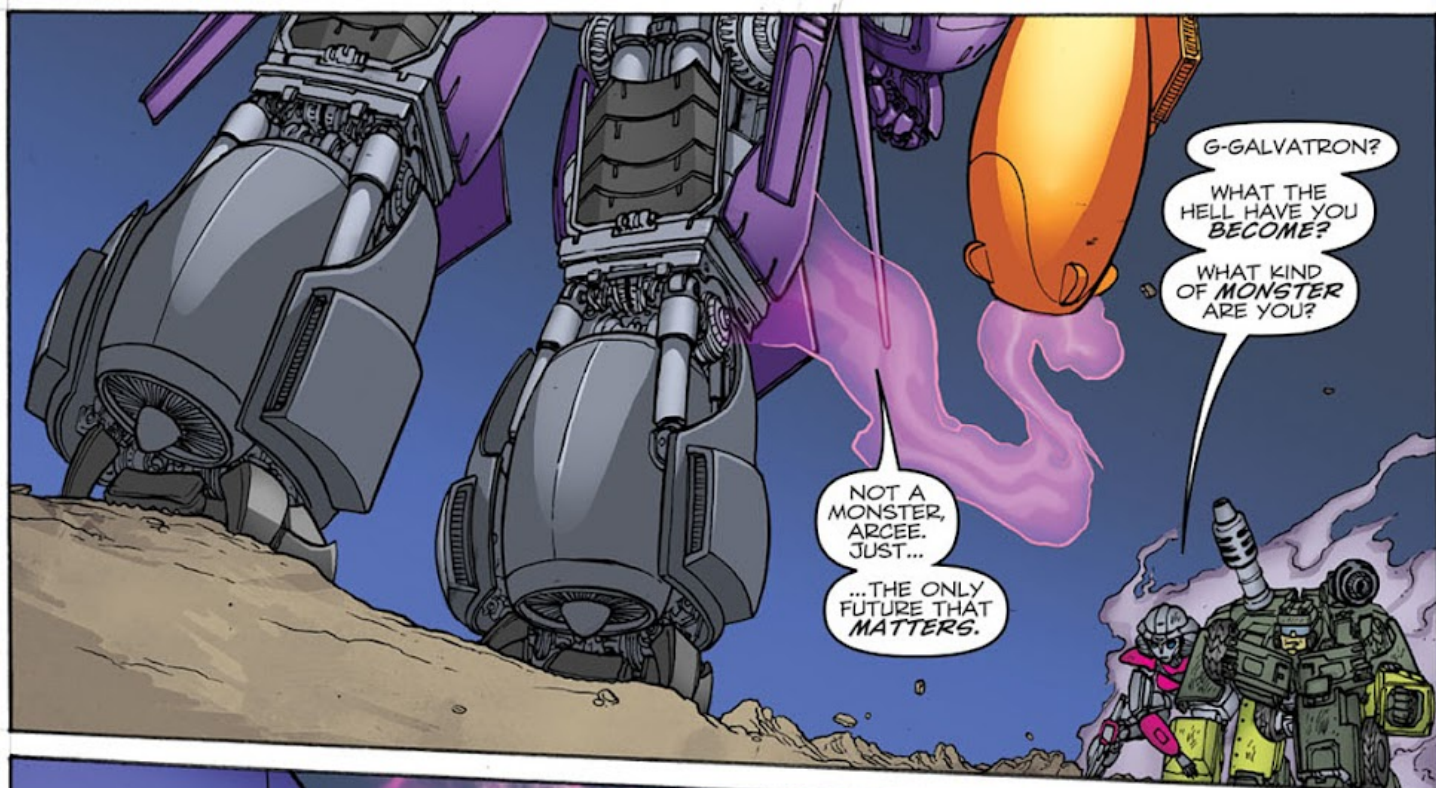


NOW.

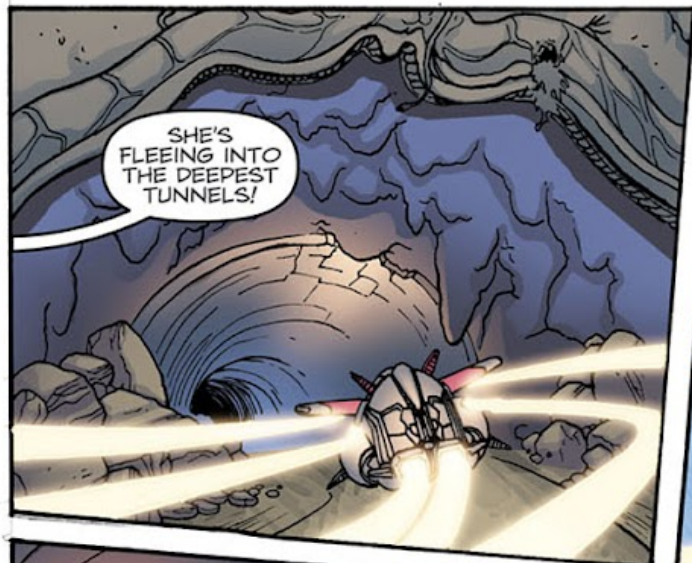
UGHHNN!  
HOW—?

AGHH!

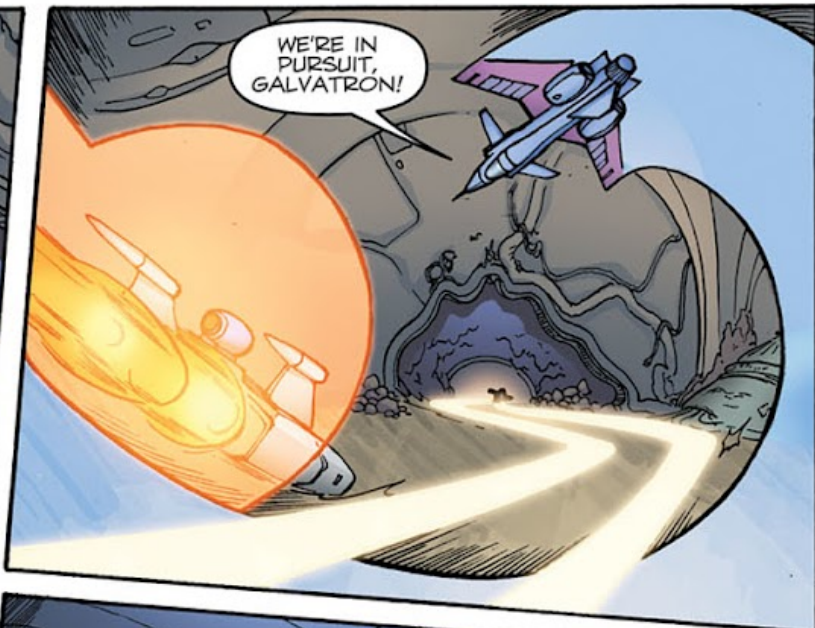




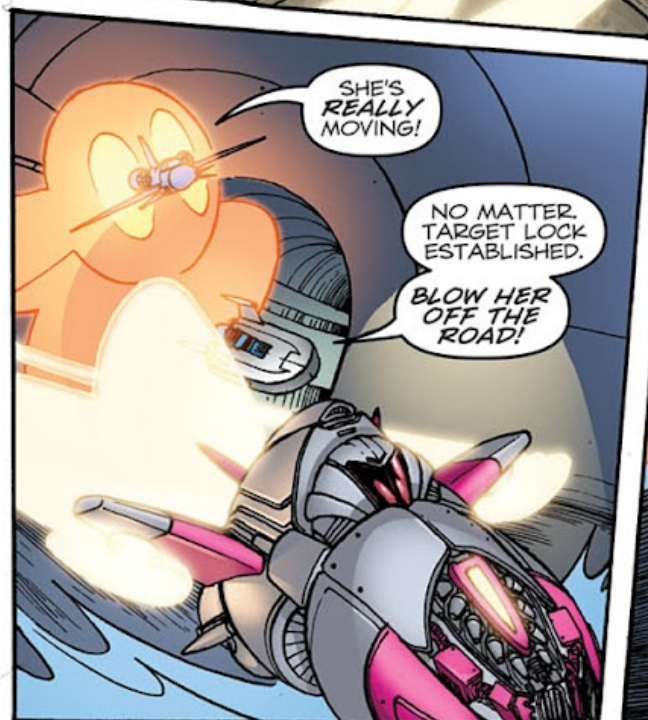




SHE'S  
FLEEING INTO  
THE DEEPEST  
TUNNELS!



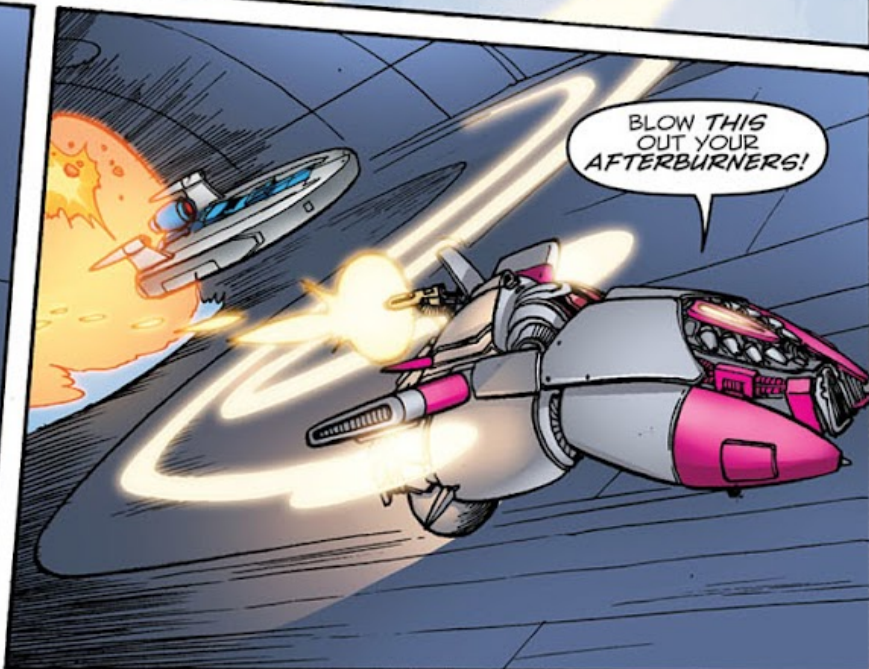
WE'RE IN  
PURSUIT,  
GALVATRON!



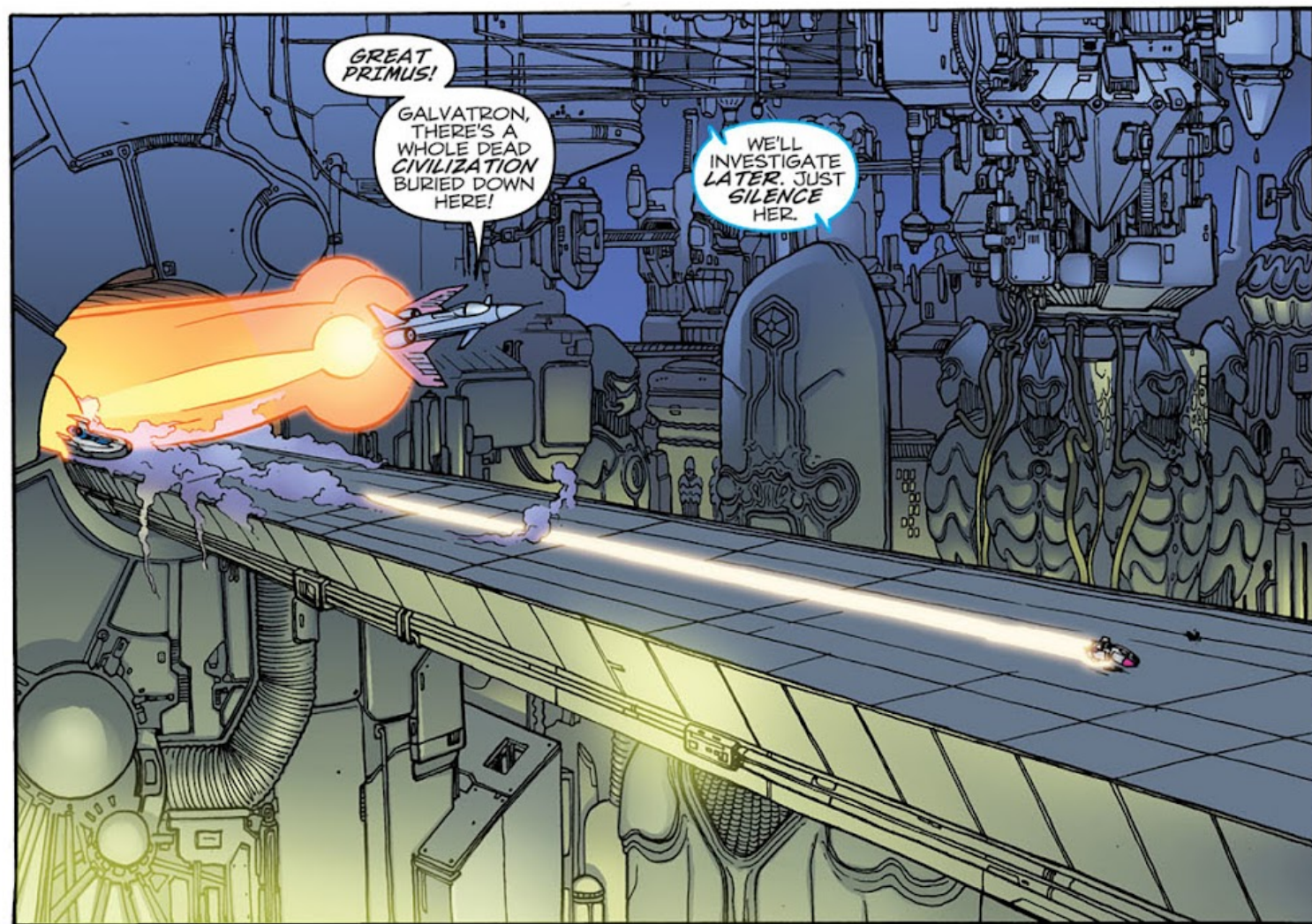
SHE'S  
REALLY  
MOVING!

NO MATTER.  
TARGET LOCK  
ESTABLISHED.

BLOW HER  
OFF THE  
ROAD!



BLOW THIS  
OUT YOUR  
AFTERBURNERS!

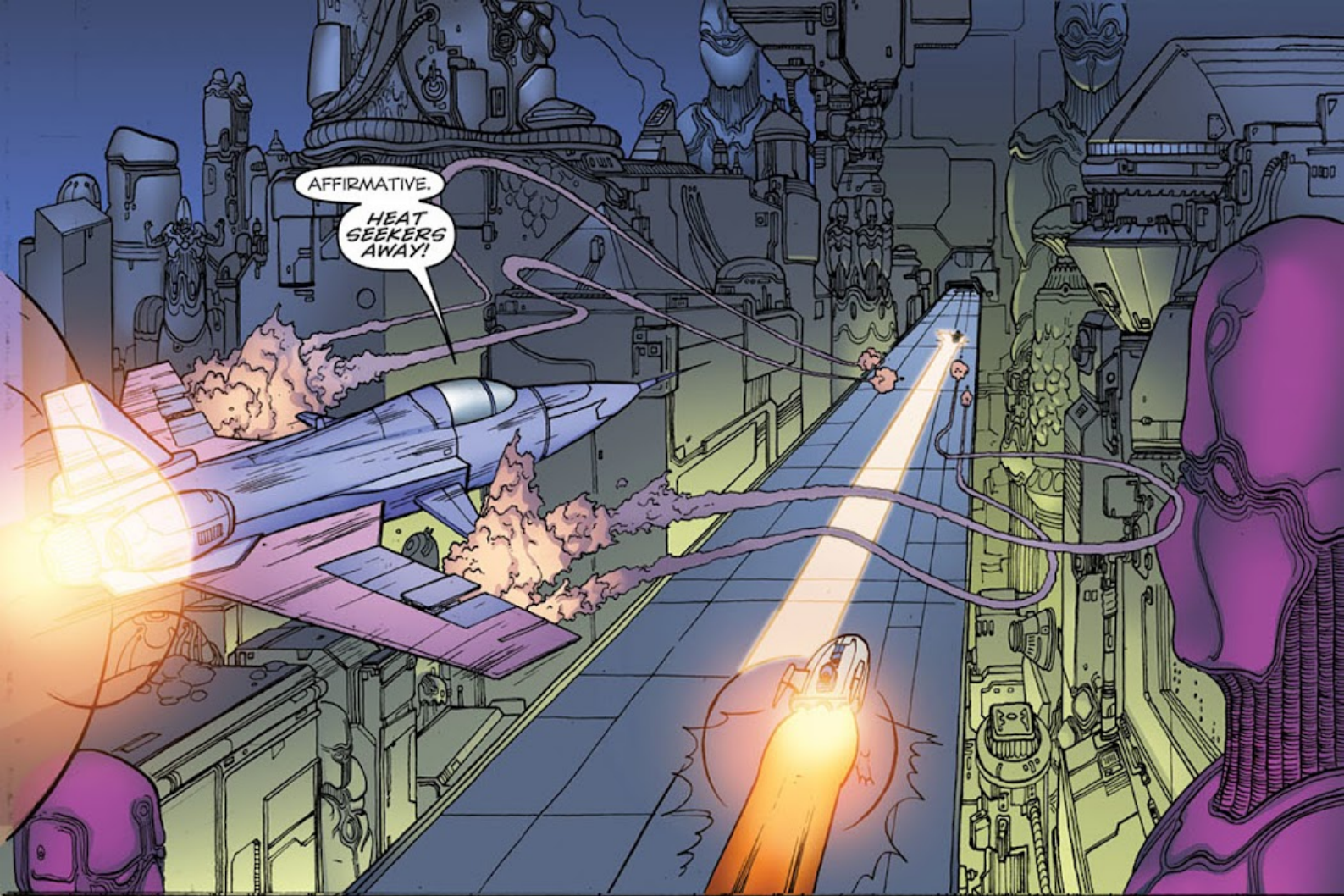


GREAT  
PRIMUS!

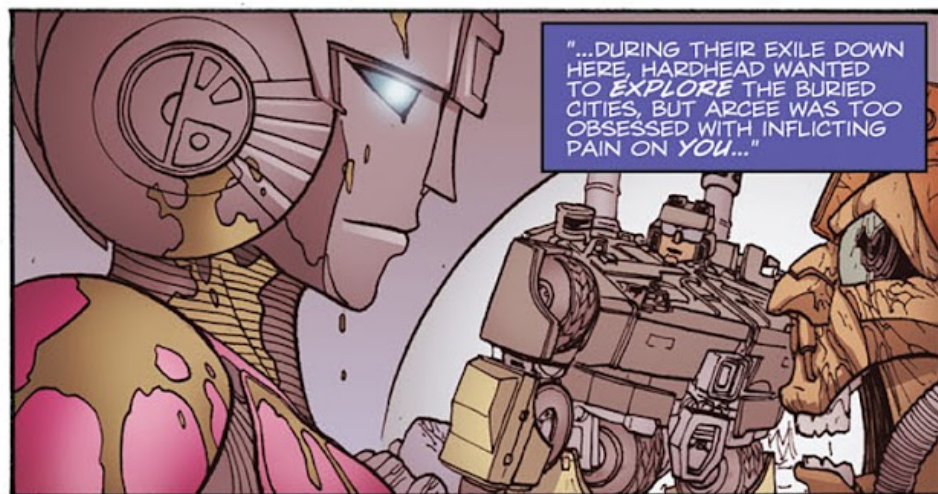
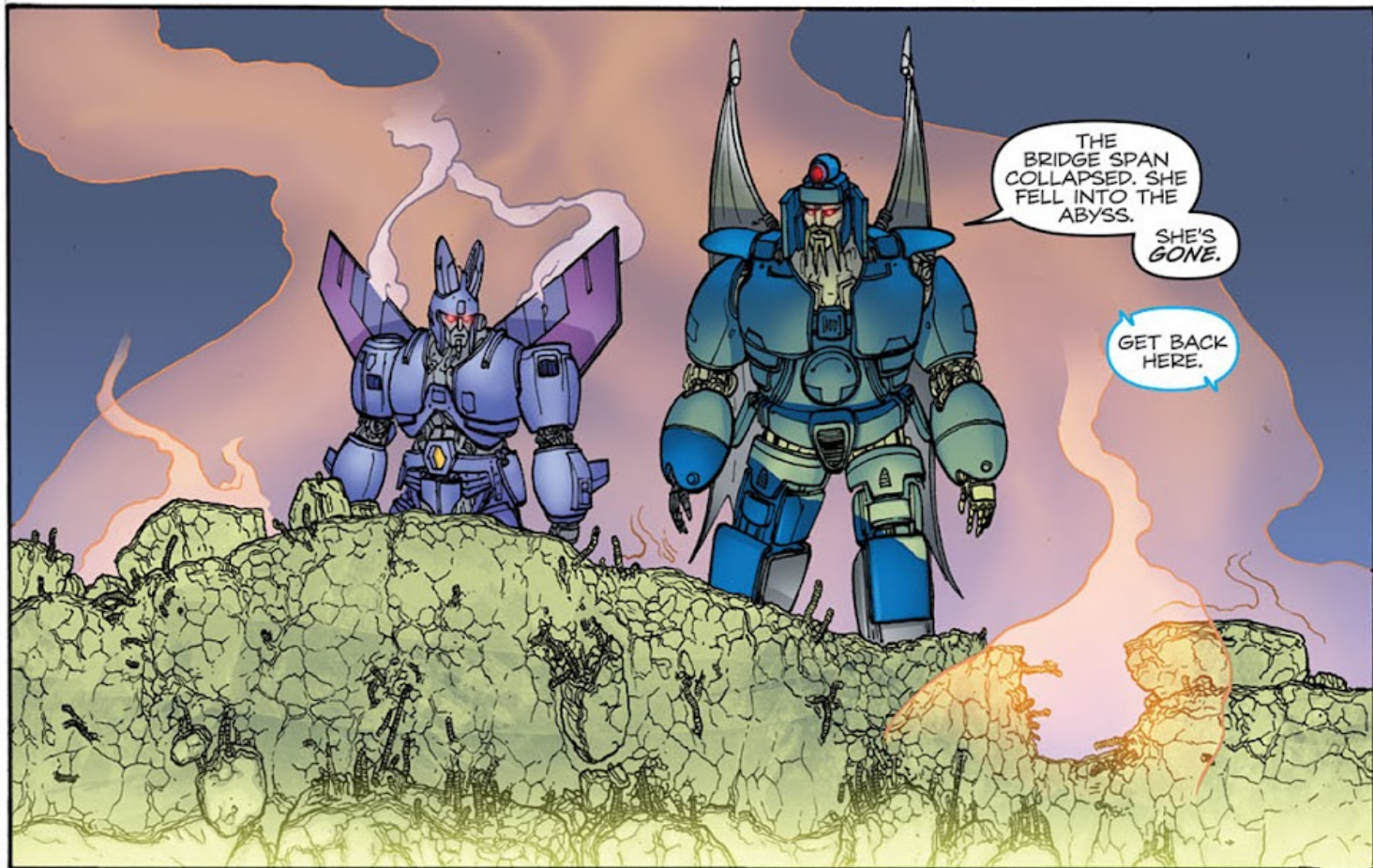
GALVATRON,  
THERE'S A  
WHOLE DEAD  
CIVILIZATION  
BURIED DOWN  
HERE!

WE'LL  
INVESTIGATE  
LATER. JUST  
SILENCE  
HER.



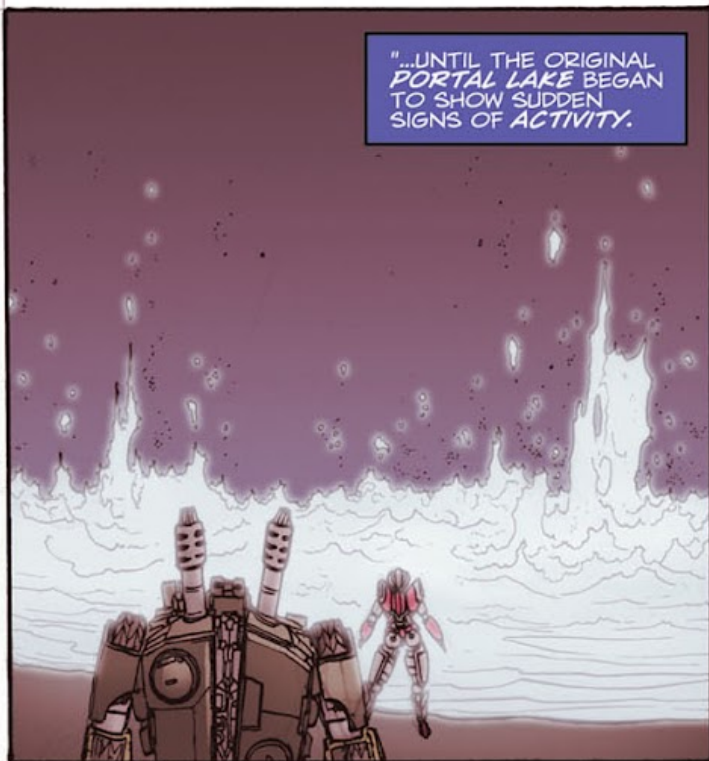








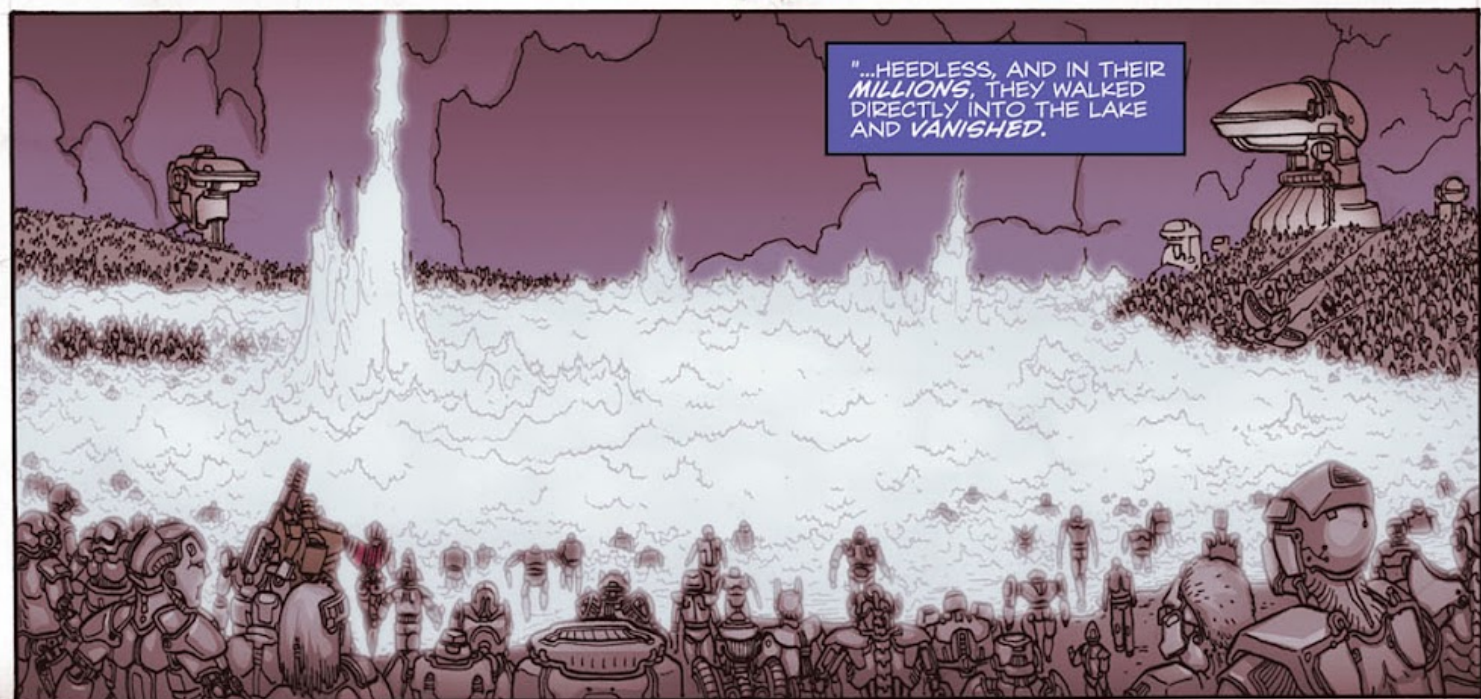
"...UNTIL THE ORIGINAL  
**PORTAL LAKE** BEGAN  
TO SHOW SUDDEN  
SIGNS OF **ACTIVITY**."



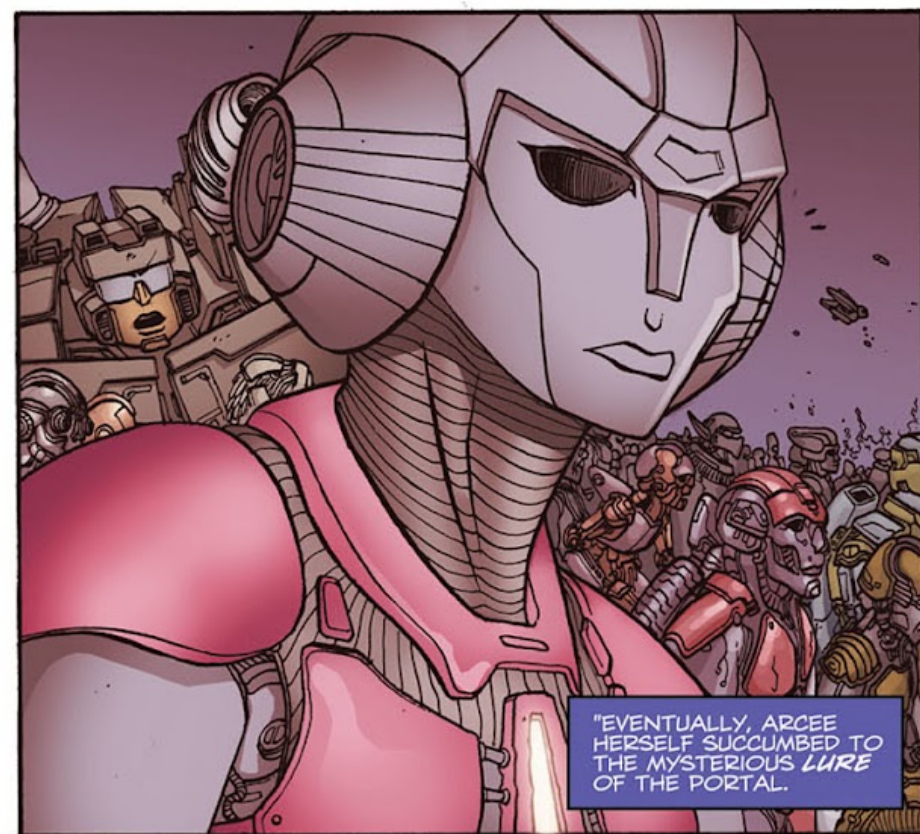
"ARCEE AND HARDHEAD  
WERE BOTH **ASTOUNDED**  
TO SEE THAT THE PORTAL  
ACTIVITY DREW THE **ENTIRE**  
POPULATION OF GORLAM  
PRIME TO IT..."



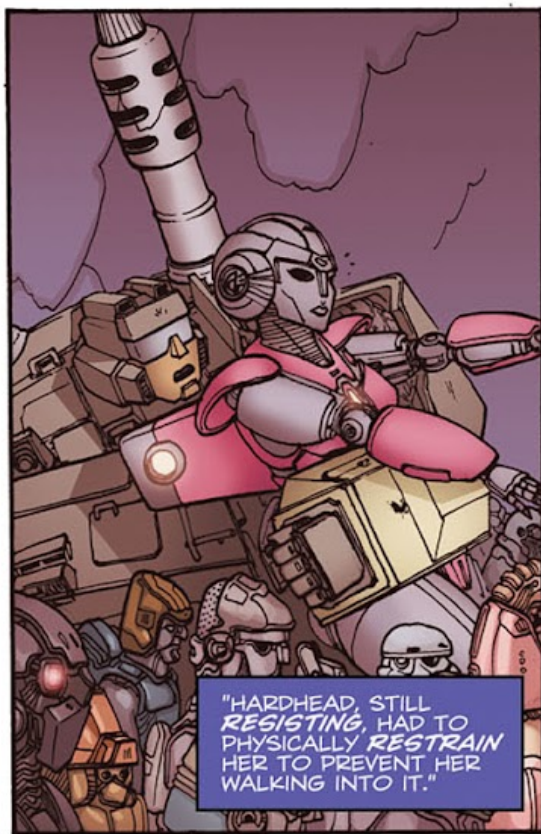
"...HEEDLESS, AND IN THEIR  
**MILLIONS**, THEY WALKED  
DIRECTLY INTO THE LAKE  
AND **VANISHED**."



"EVENTUALLY, ARCEE  
HERSELF SUCCEMBED TO  
THE MYSTERIOUS **LURE**  
OF THE PORTAL."



"HARDHEAD, STILL  
**RESISTING**, HAD TO  
PHYSICALLY **RESTRAIN**  
HER TO PREVENT HER  
WALKING INTO IT."

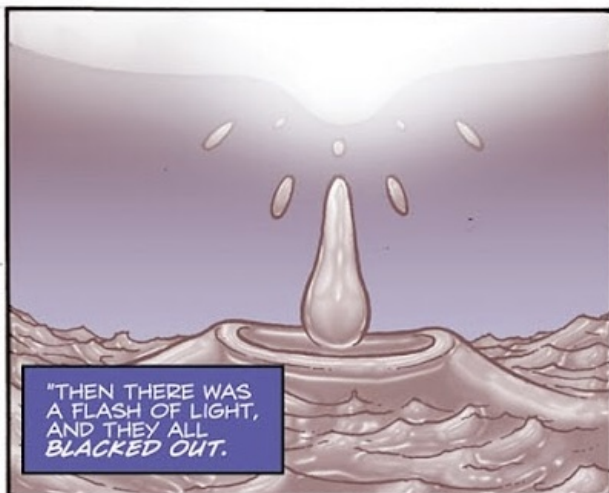






"FOR HOURS, HE HELD HER DOWN, AS THE ENTIRE POPULATION EXITED PAST THEM.

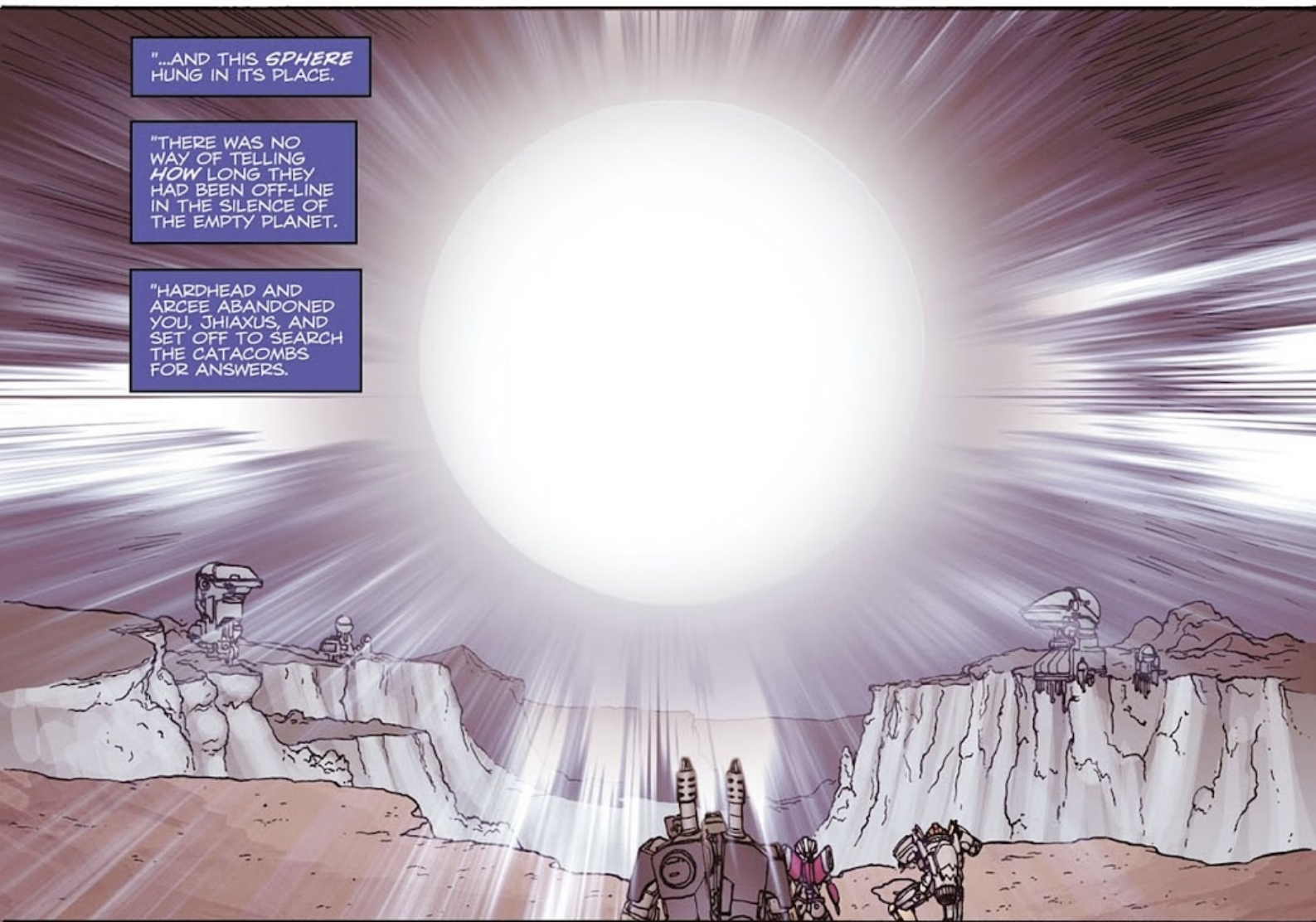
"EVEN YOU, JHIAXUS, WERE DRAWN BY THE PORTAL'S LURE.



"THEN THERE WAS A FLASH OF LIGHT, AND THEY ALL BLACKED OUT.



"WHEN THEY REBOOTED, THE LAKE WAS GONE...



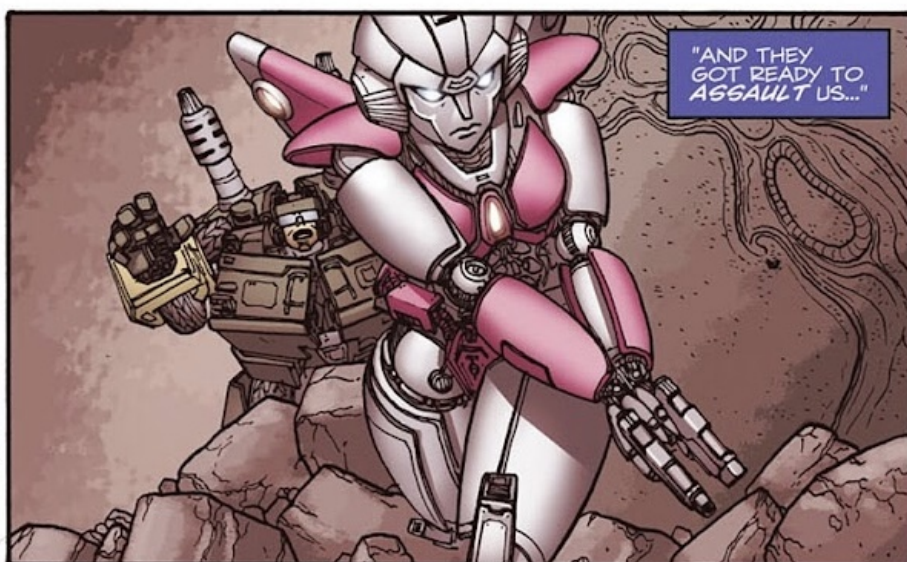
"...AND THIS SPHERE HUNG IN ITS PLACE.

"THERE WAS NO WAY OF TELLING HOW LONG THEY HAD BEEN OFF-LINE IN THE SILENCE OF THE EMPTY PLANET.

"HARDHEAD AND ARCEE ABANDONED YOU, JHIAXUS, AND SET OFF TO SEARCH THE CATACOMBS FOR ANSWERS.

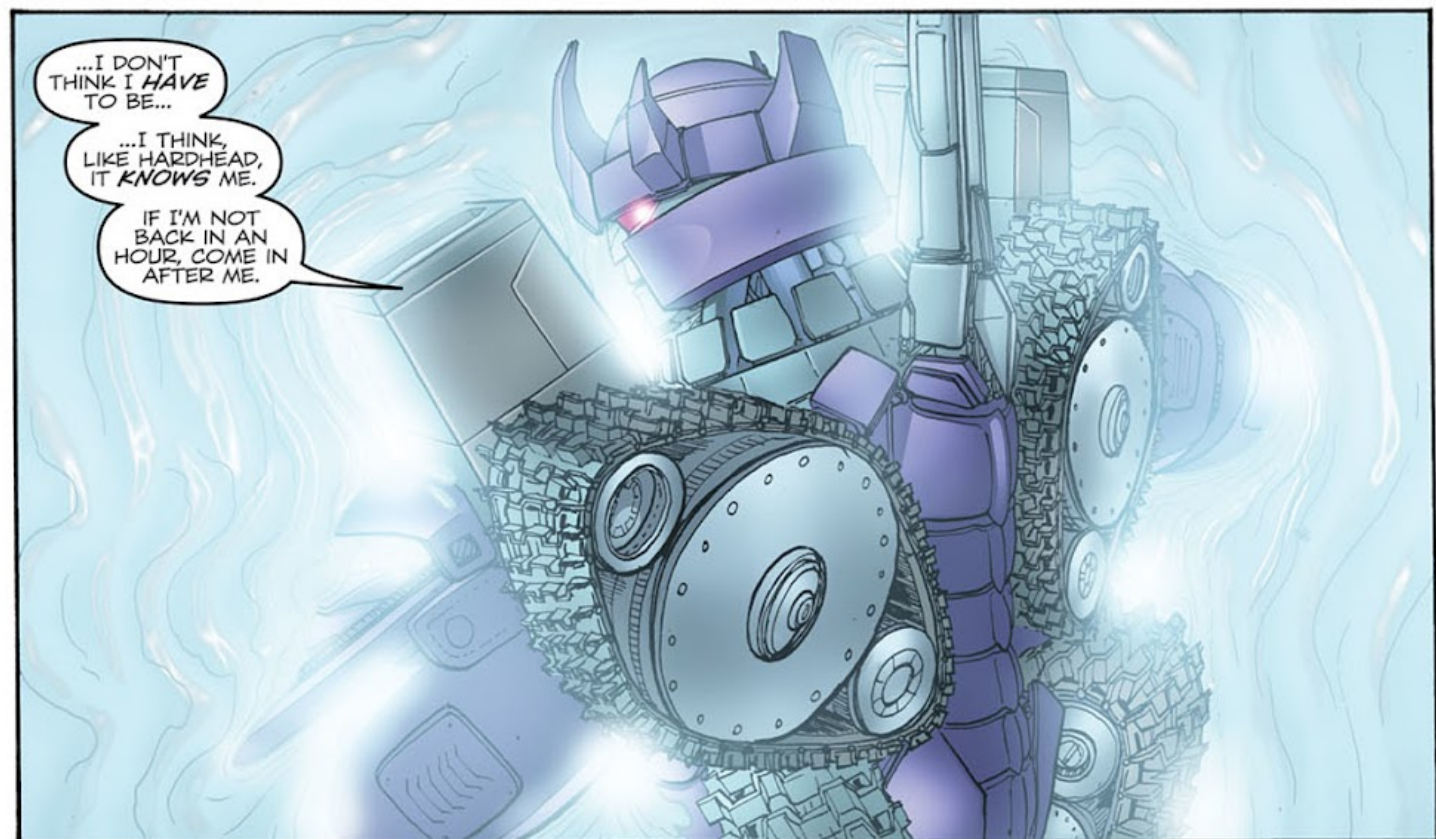
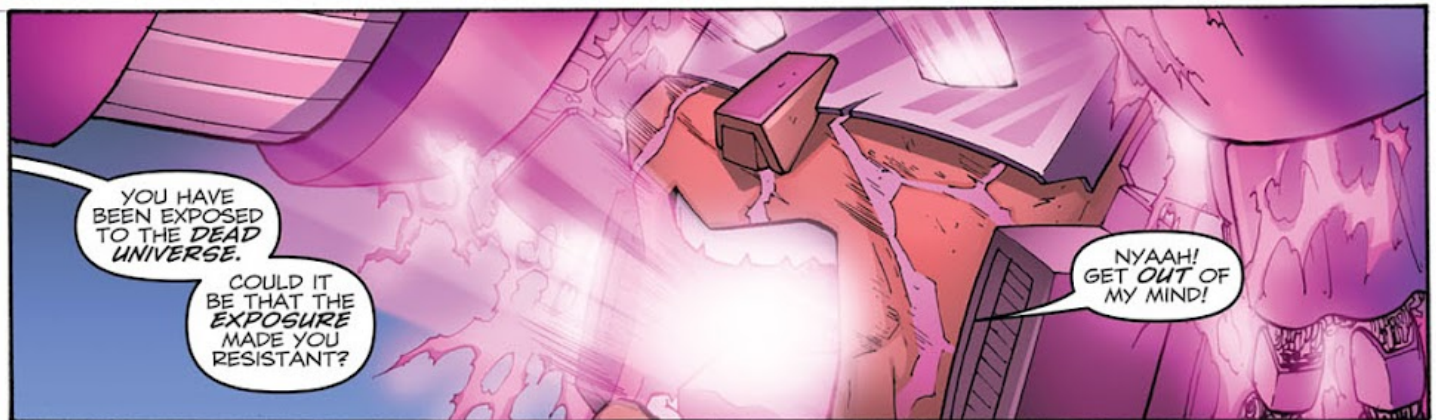
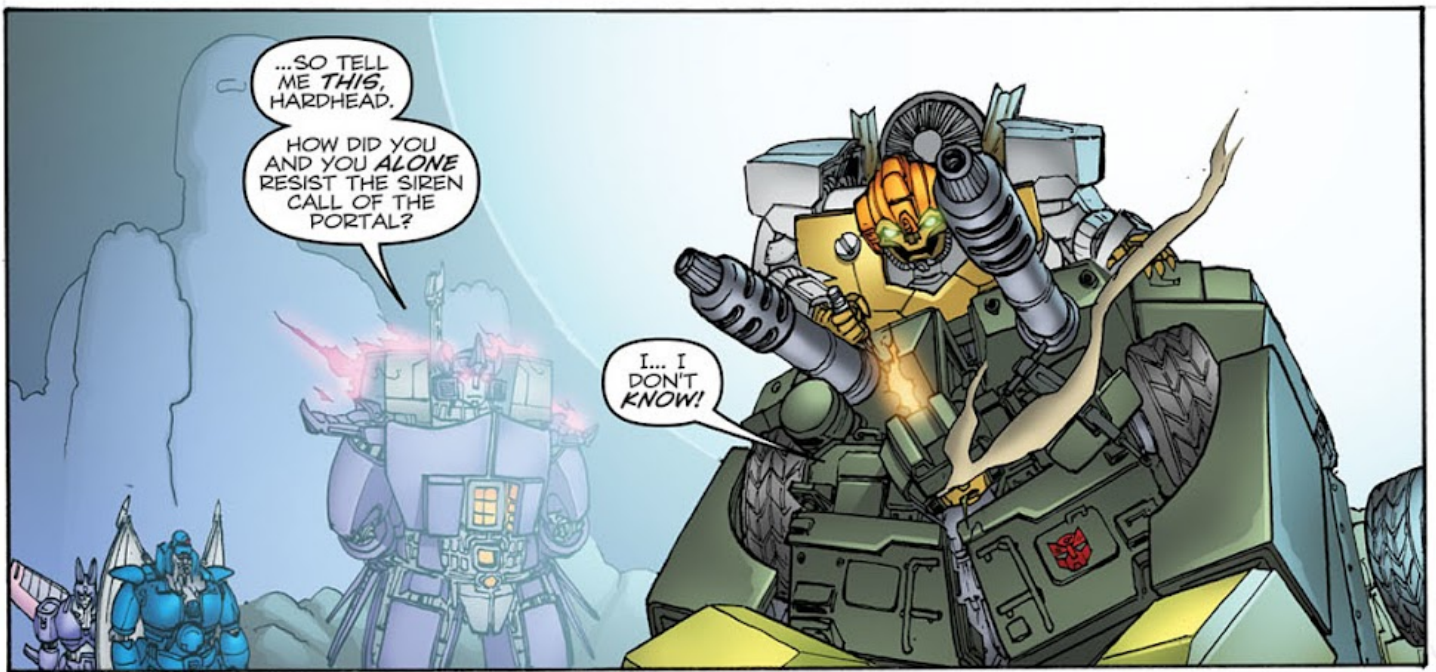


"BUT SOMETHING WAS APPROACHING. WE WERE APPROACHING...



"AND THEY GOT READY TO ASSAULT US..."







ANSWERS! ARE ANY  
ANSWERS WORTH THIS  
DESPERATE VOYAGE?

GREAT  
HEART OF  
DARKNESS!

THE TRIUMPHANT VISTA  
OF THE *UNIVERSAL  
CONTINUUM* OPENS  
BEFORE ME!

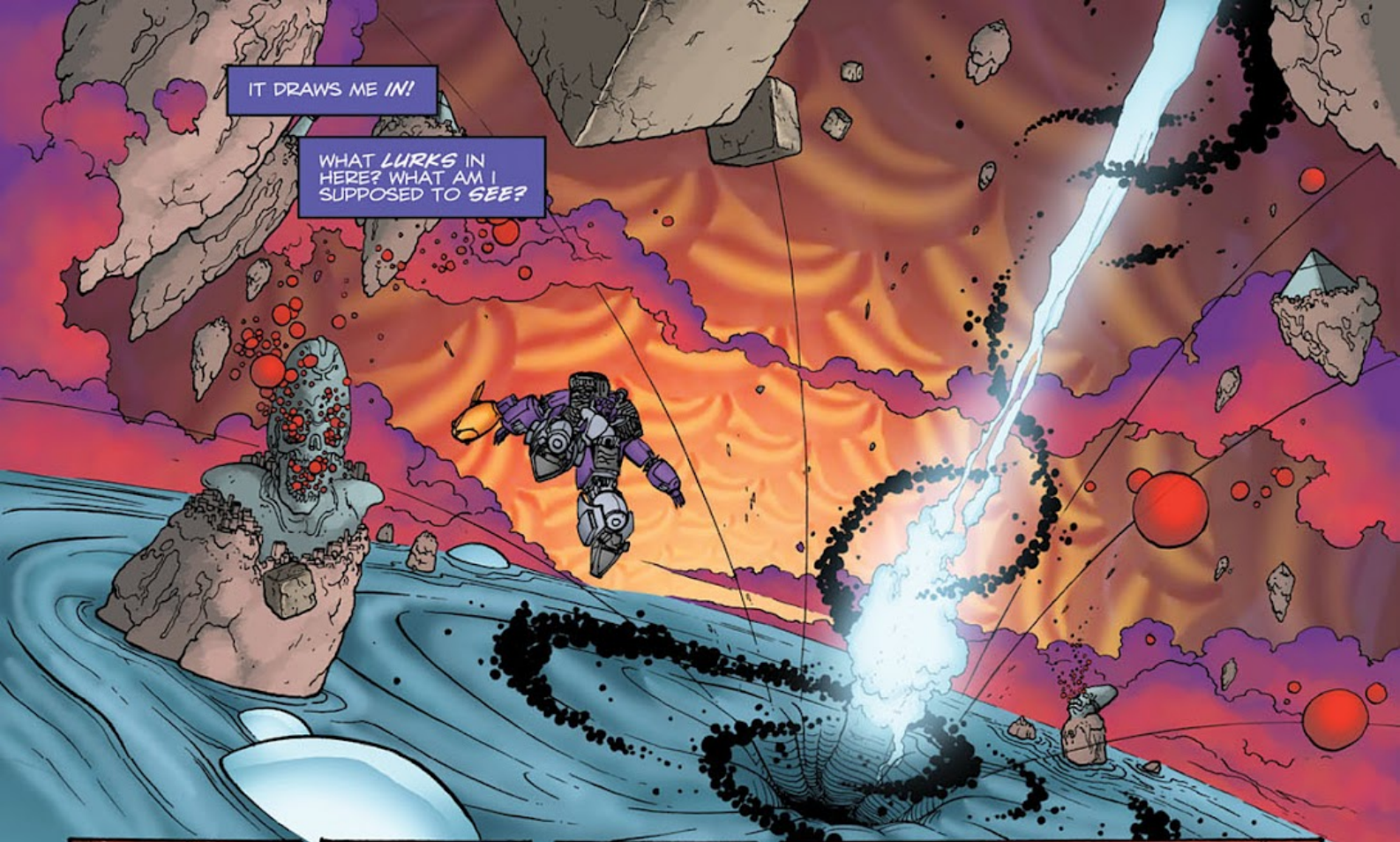
MY SENSORS ARE ALL  
BUT *OVERWHELMED...*

...BUT I WAS *RIGHT!* THE  
DEAD UNIVERSE *DOES* LIE  
ON THE OTHER SIDE OF  
THIS GATEWAY!

I CAN DETECT ITS  
*PATIENT, SILENT*  
VOID ON THE FAR  
SIDE OF ALL OTHER  
UNIVERSES!







IT DRAWS ME IN!

WHAT *LURKS* IN  
HERE? WHAT AM I  
SUPPOSED TO *SEE*?



WHAT *MENACE*  
HIDES IN THE  
DARKNESS OF  
THE DEAD  
UNIVERSE THAT  
I WAS *REMADE*  
TO *FIGHT*?



NHH!

IT *DISASSEMBLES* ME!



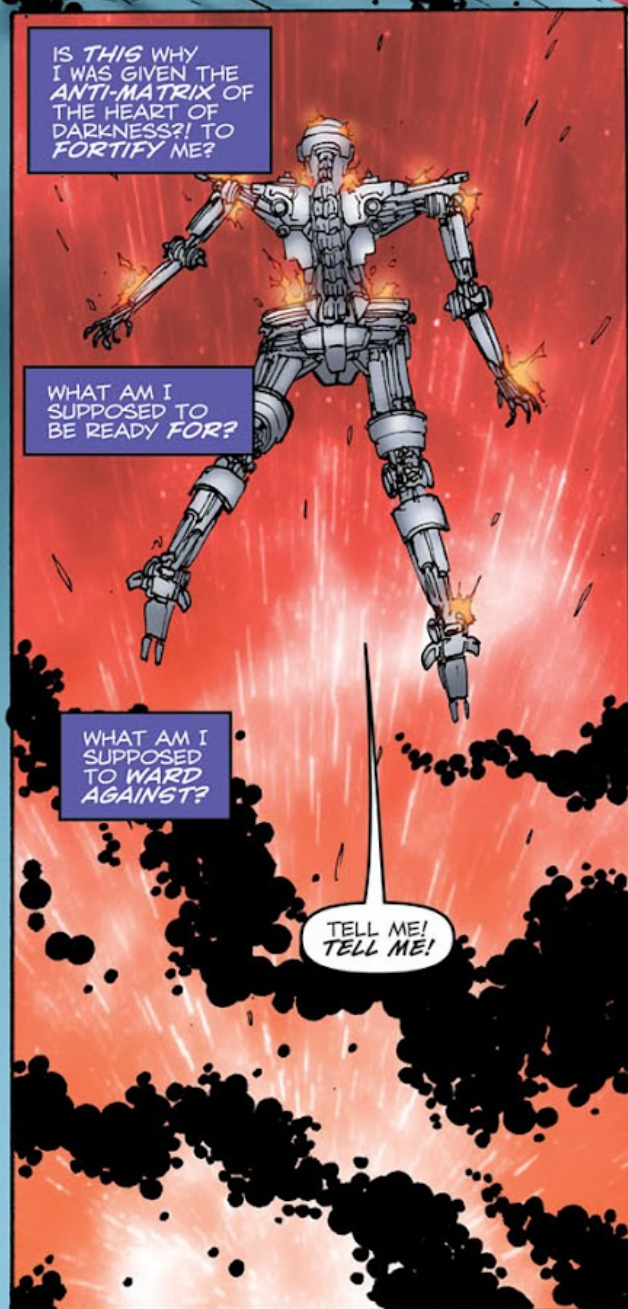
NO! IT'S JUST  
AN *ILLUSION*,  
JUST AN  
ILLUSION  
INTENDED TO  
MAKE ME *FLEE*  
OR DRIVE ME  
*MAD*!

IS *THIS* WHY  
I WAS GIVEN THE  
*ANTI-MATRIX* OF  
THE HEART OF  
DARKNESS?! TO  
*FORTIFY* ME?

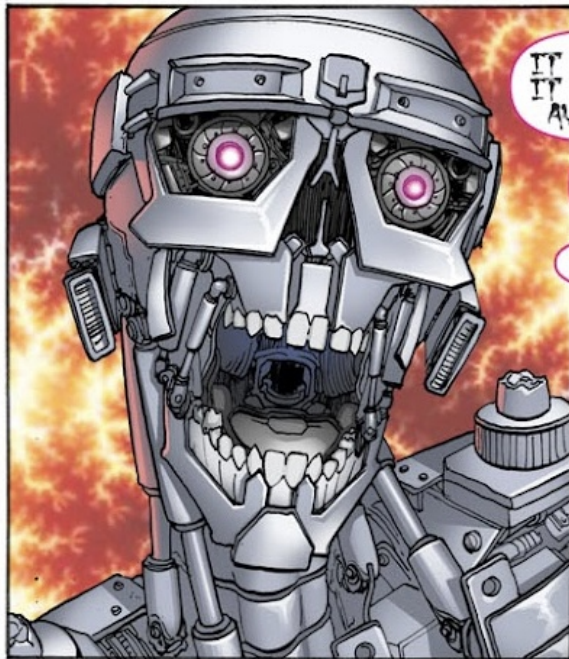
WHAT AM I  
SUPPOSED TO  
BE READY *FOR*?

WHAT AM I  
SUPPOSED  
TO *WARD*  
AGAINST?

TELL ME!  
TELL ME!





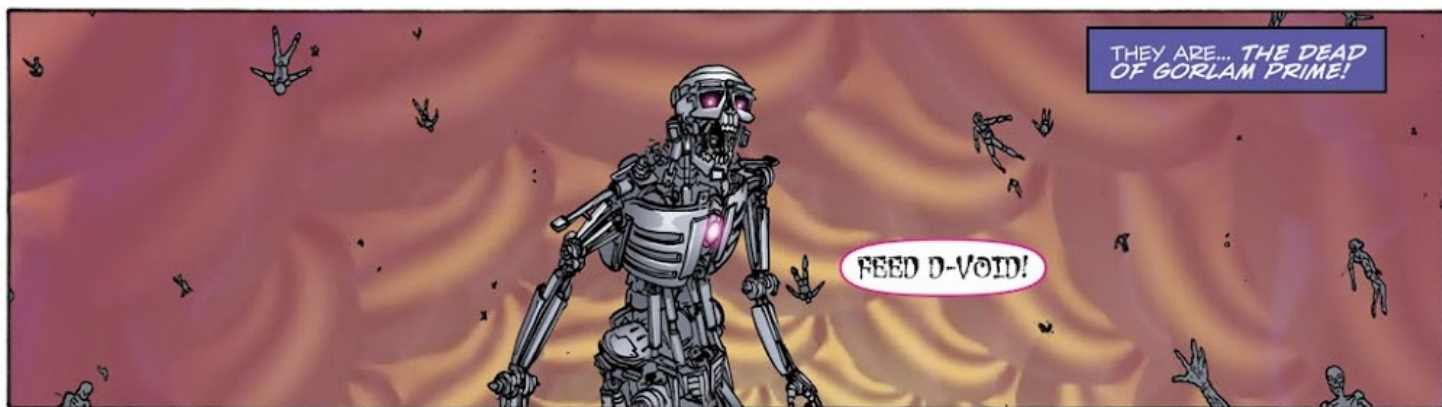


IT IS D-VOID.  
IT IS D-VOID.  
AWAKENED.

COME TO  
D-VOID.  
CONSTRUCT.

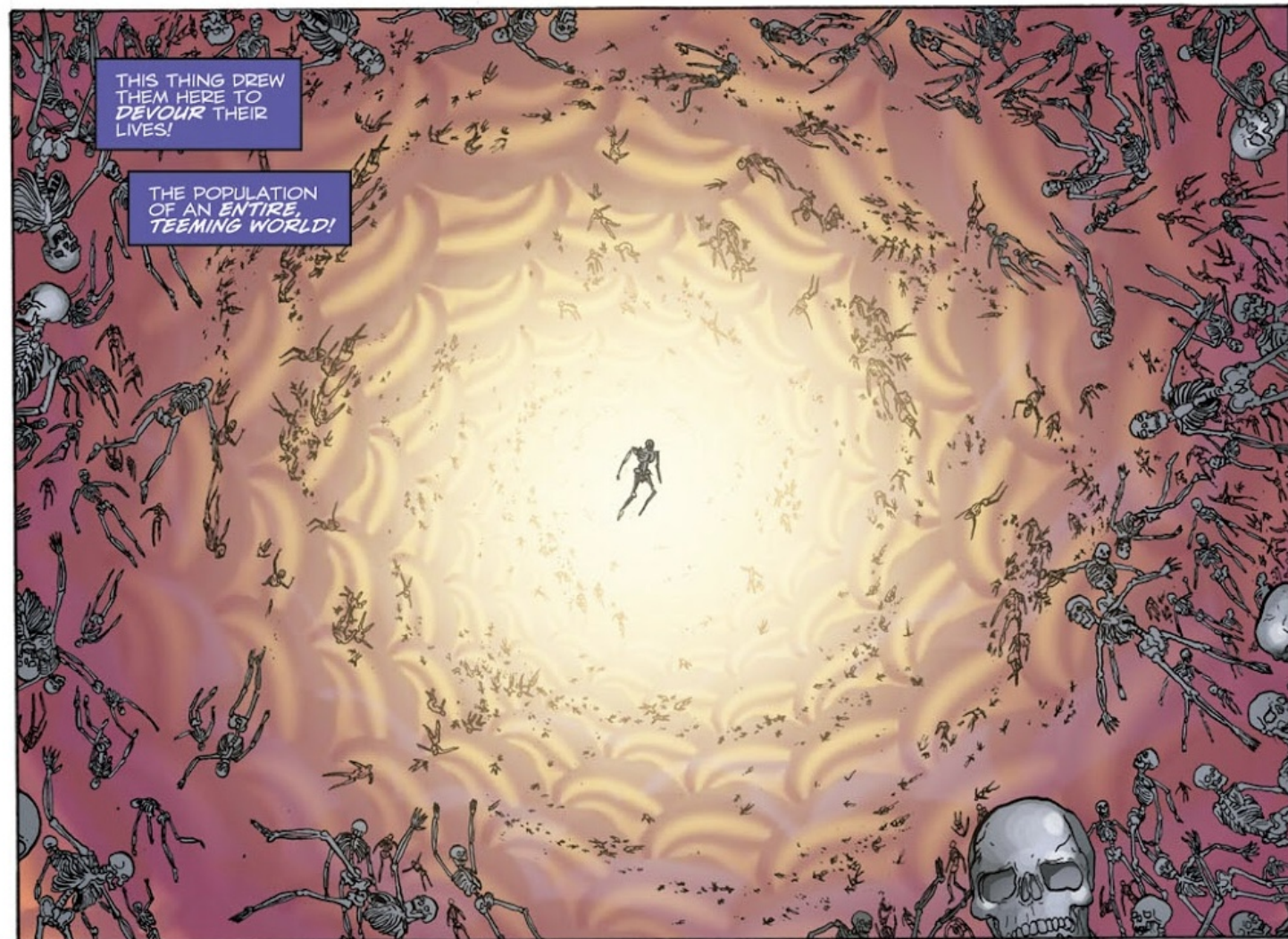
FEED D-VOID!

IN THE MISTS AROUND  
ME... DEAD MECHANOIDSI  
CYBERNETIC  
CORPSE-HUSKS!



THEY ARE... THE DEAD  
OF GORLAM PRIME!

FEED D-VOID!



THIS THING DREW  
THEM HERE TO  
DEVOUR THEIR  
LIVES!

THE POPULATION  
OF AN ENTIRE,  
TEEMING WORLD!





UNIQUE  
ENERGY!

D-VOID  
HUNGERS  
FOR IT!

FEED D-VOID!



NO!  
NOOO!

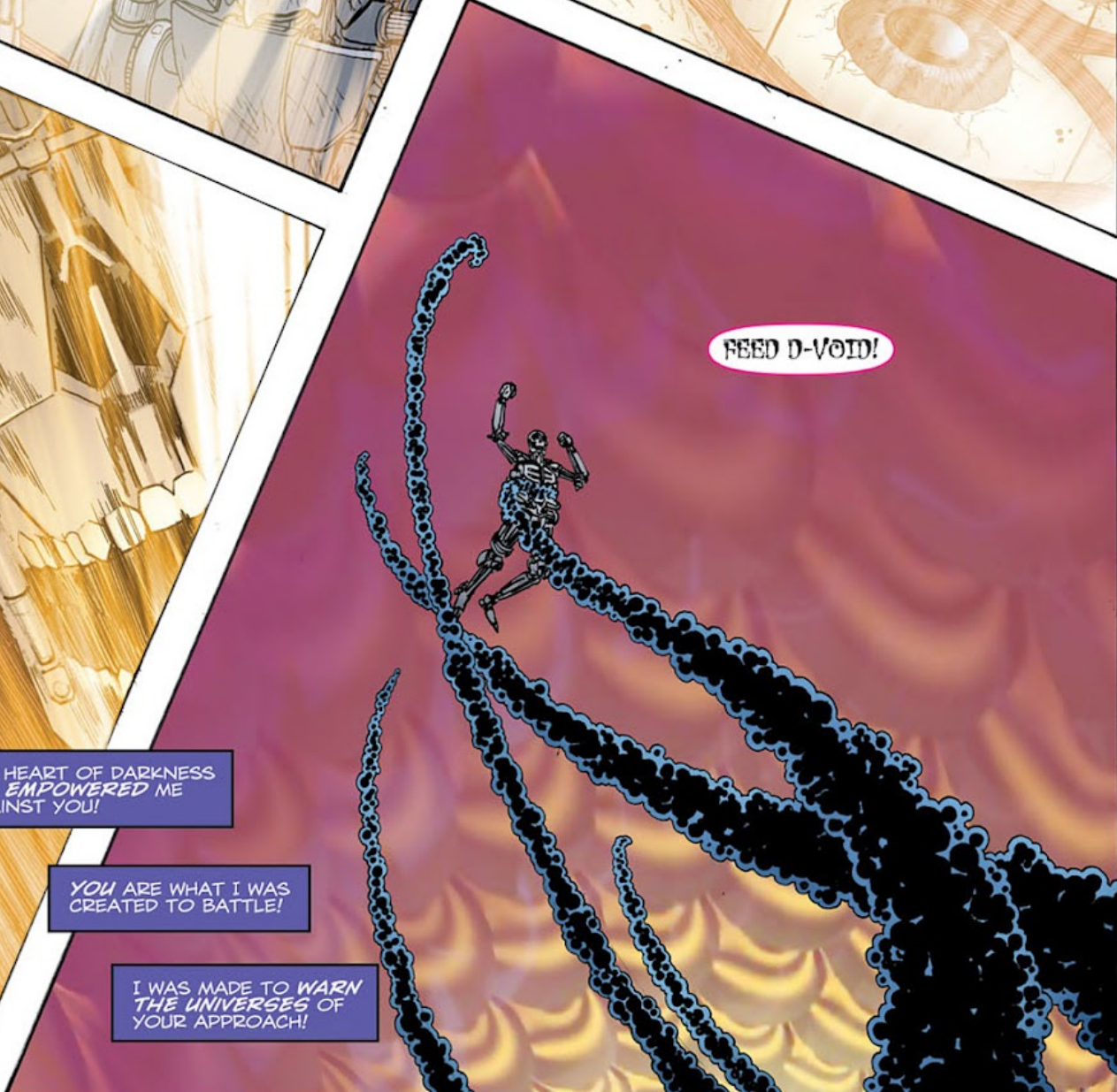
FEED D-VOID!



THE HEART OF DARKNESS  
HAS EMPOWERED ME  
AGAINST YOU!

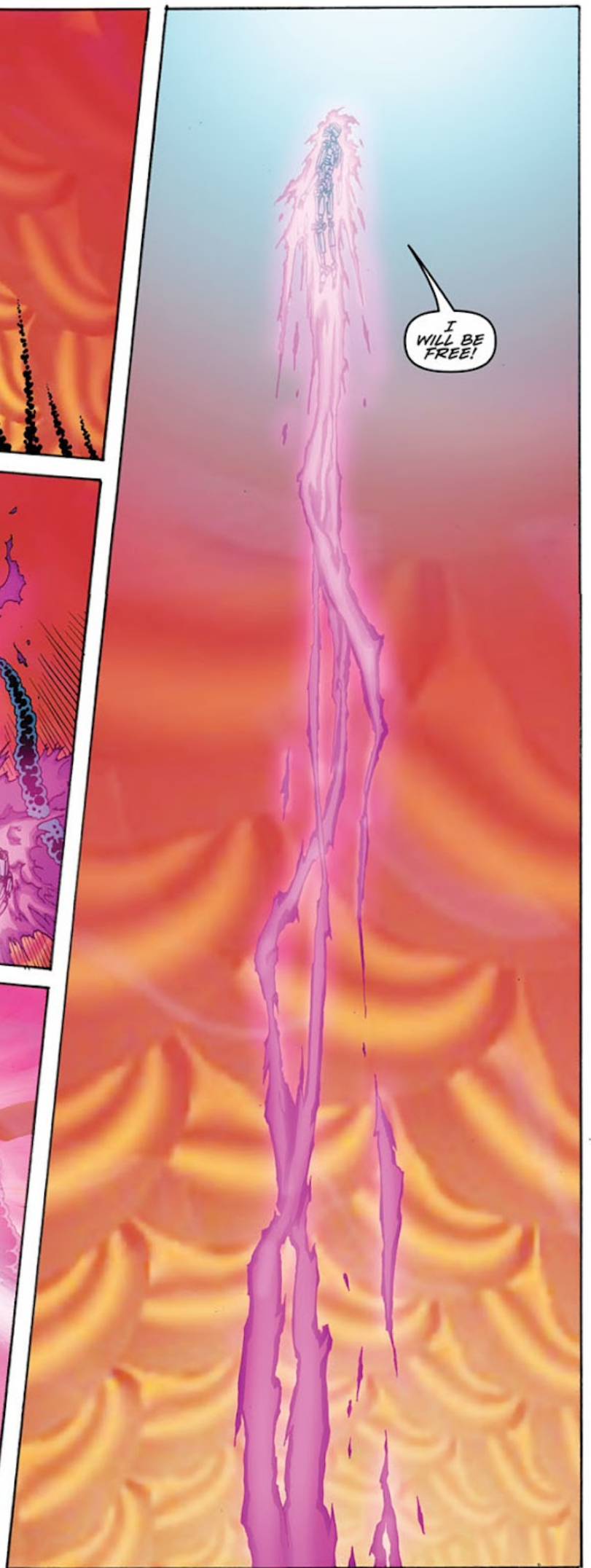
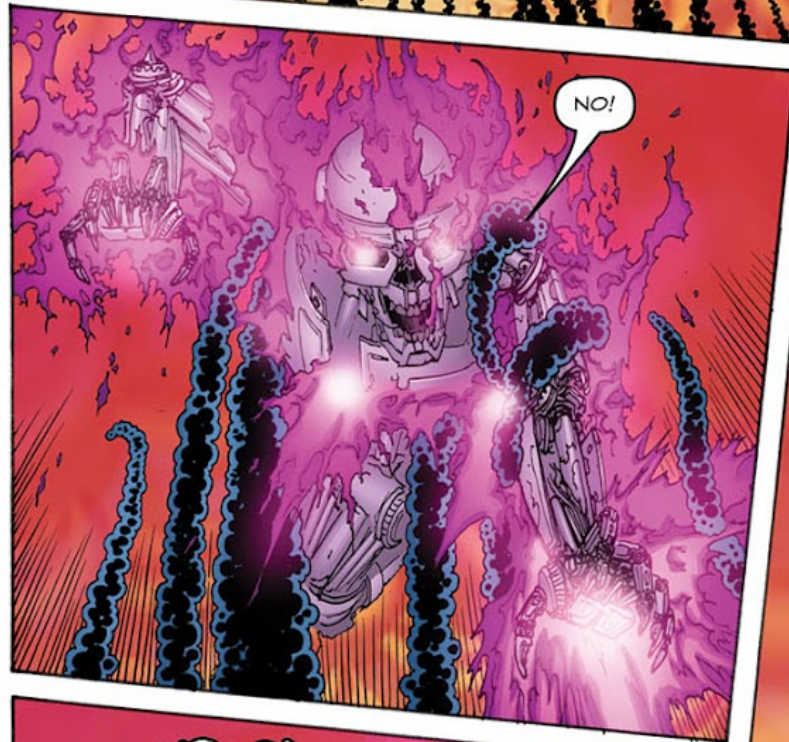
YOU ARE WHAT I WAS  
CREATED TO BATTLE!

I WAS MADE TO WARN  
THE UNIVERSES OF  
YOUR APPROACH!

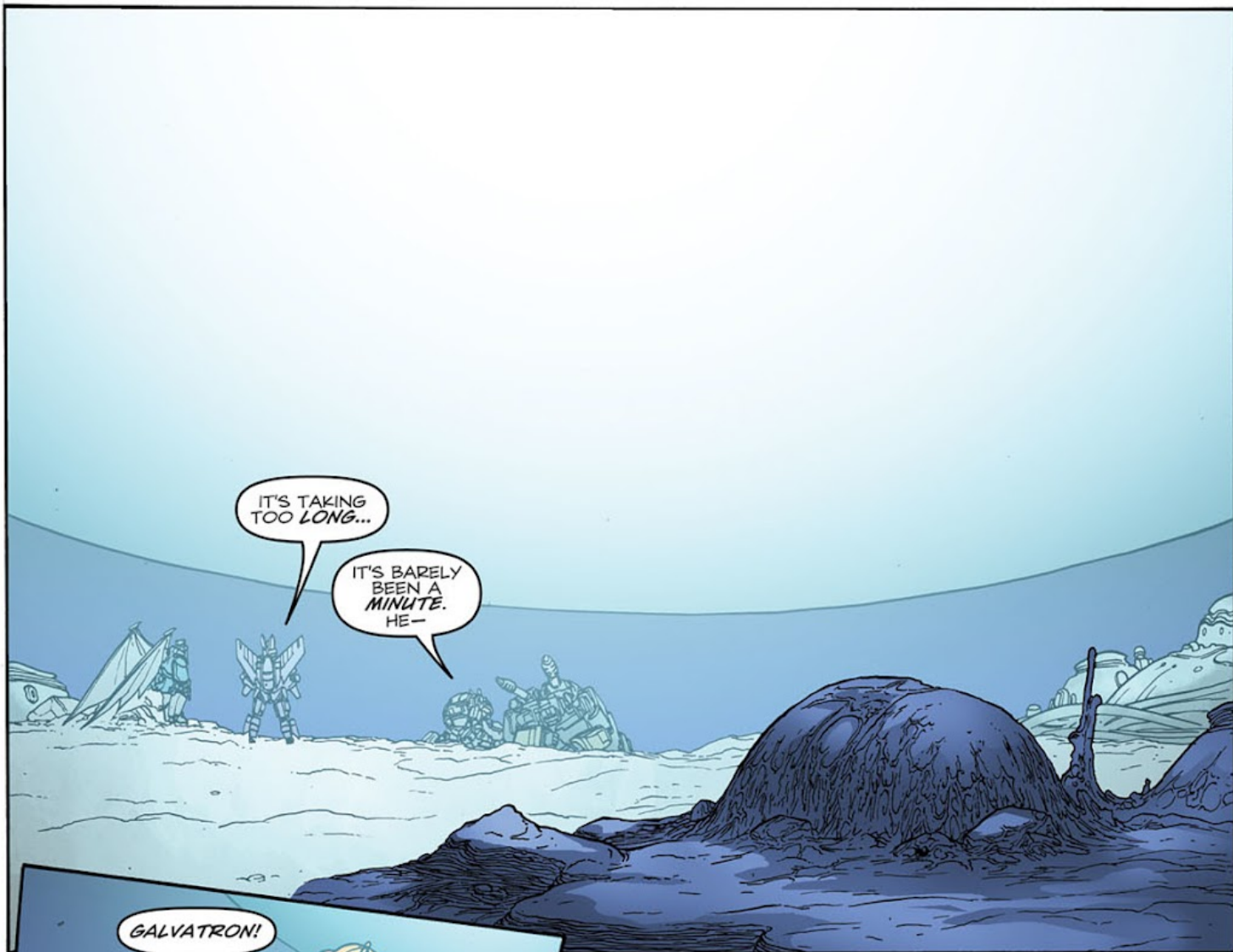


FEED D-VOID!



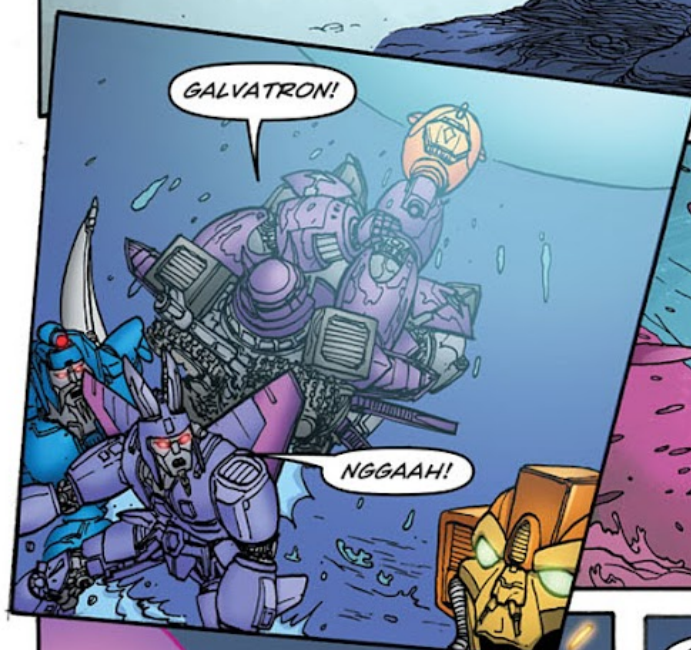






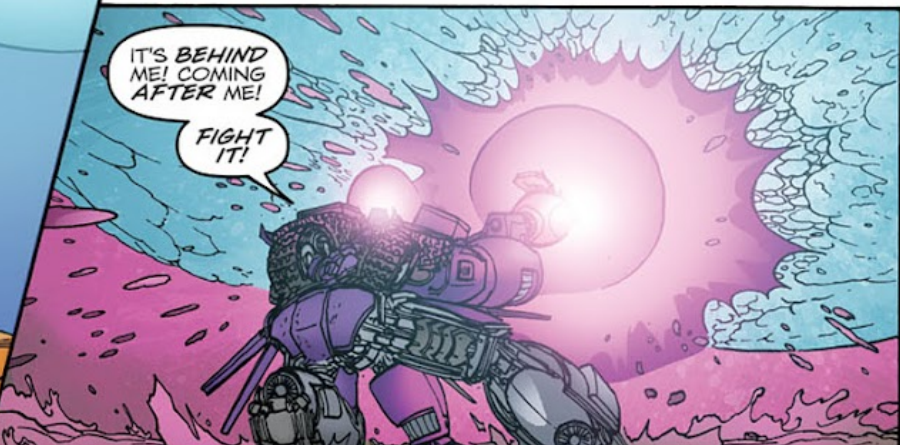
IT'S TAKING  
TOO LONG...

IT'S BARELY  
BEEN A  
MINUTE.  
HE-



GALVATRON!

NGGAAH!

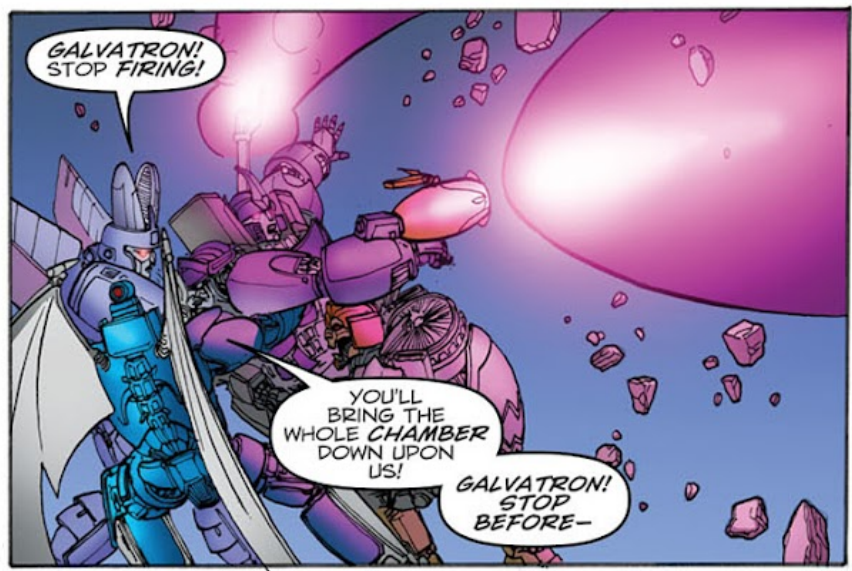


IT'S BEHIND  
ME! COMING  
AFTER ME!

FIGHT  
IT!



FIGHT  
IT!

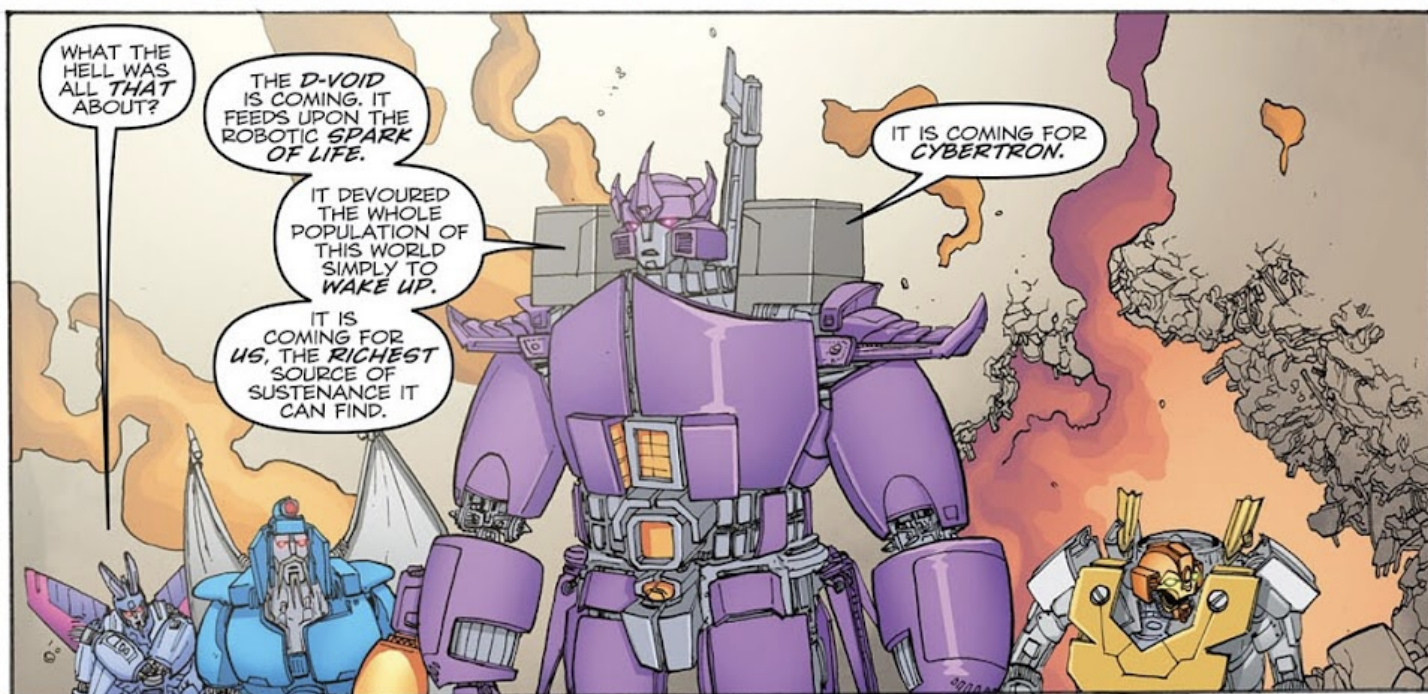


GALVATRON!  
STOP FIRING!

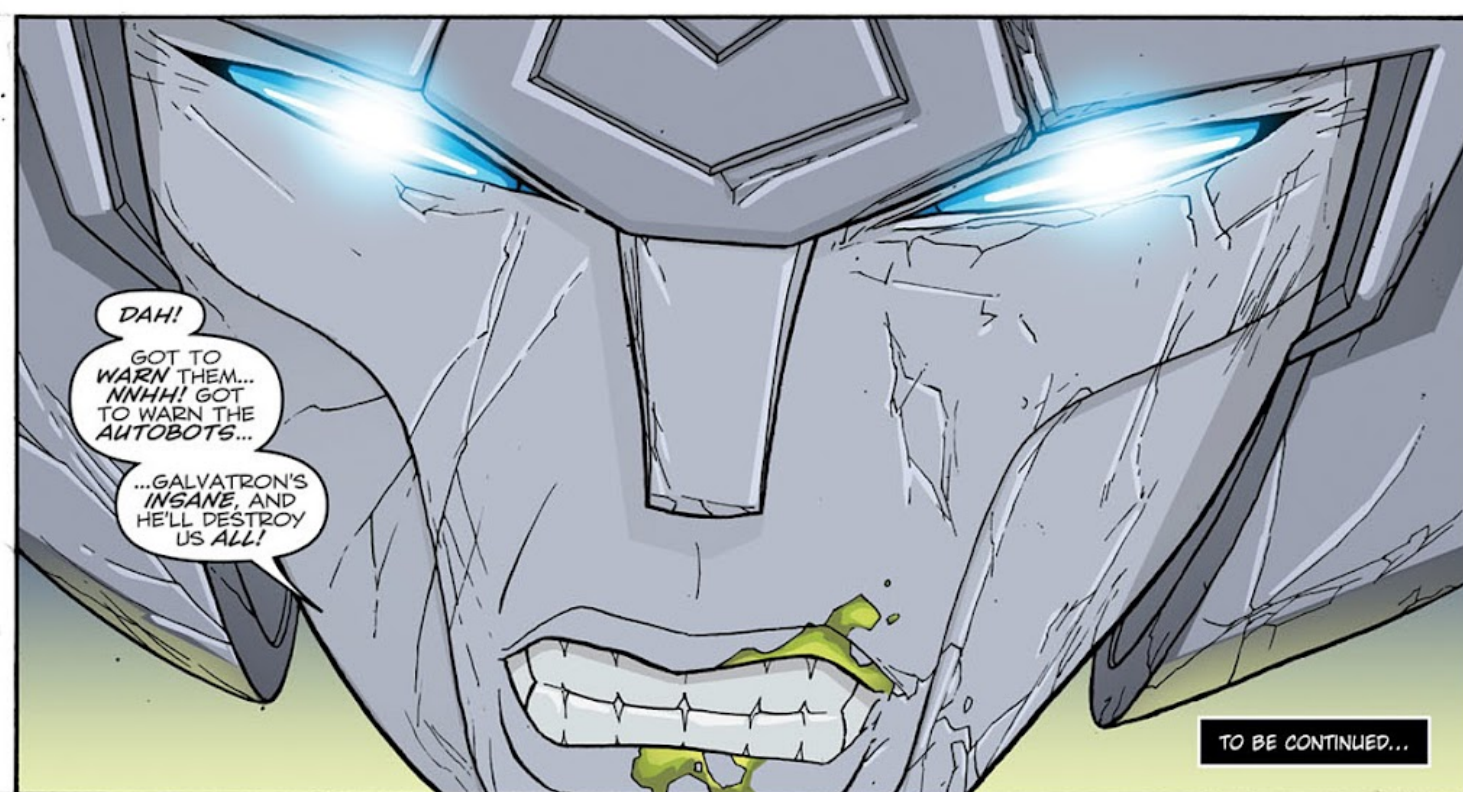
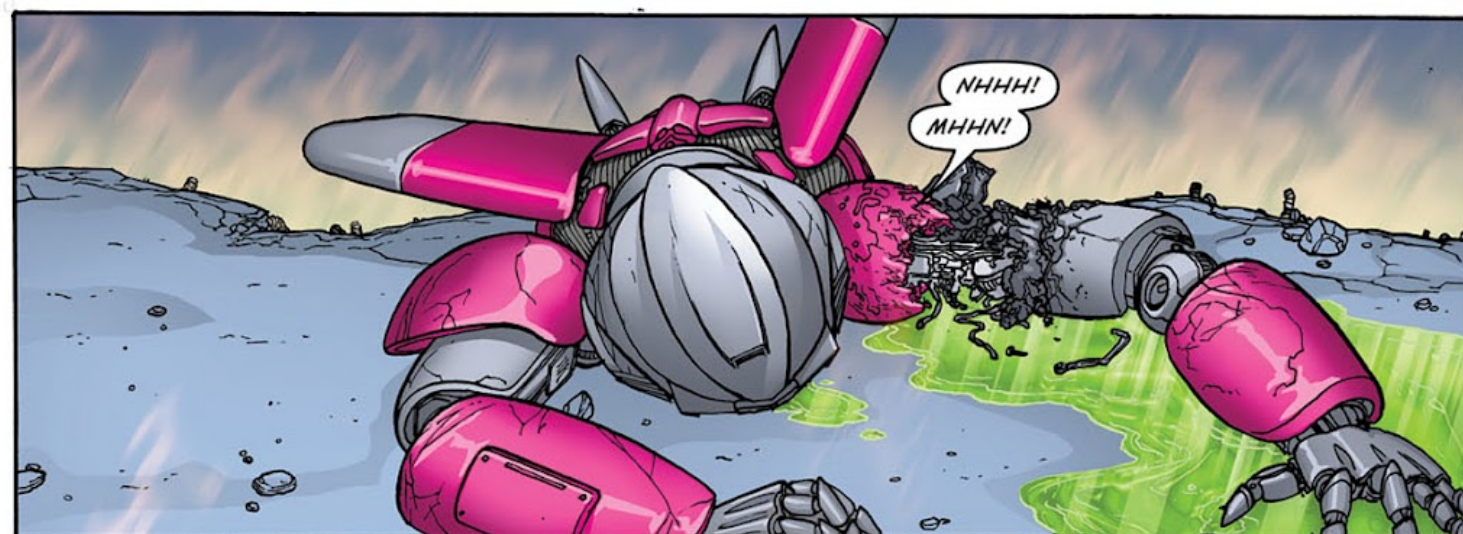
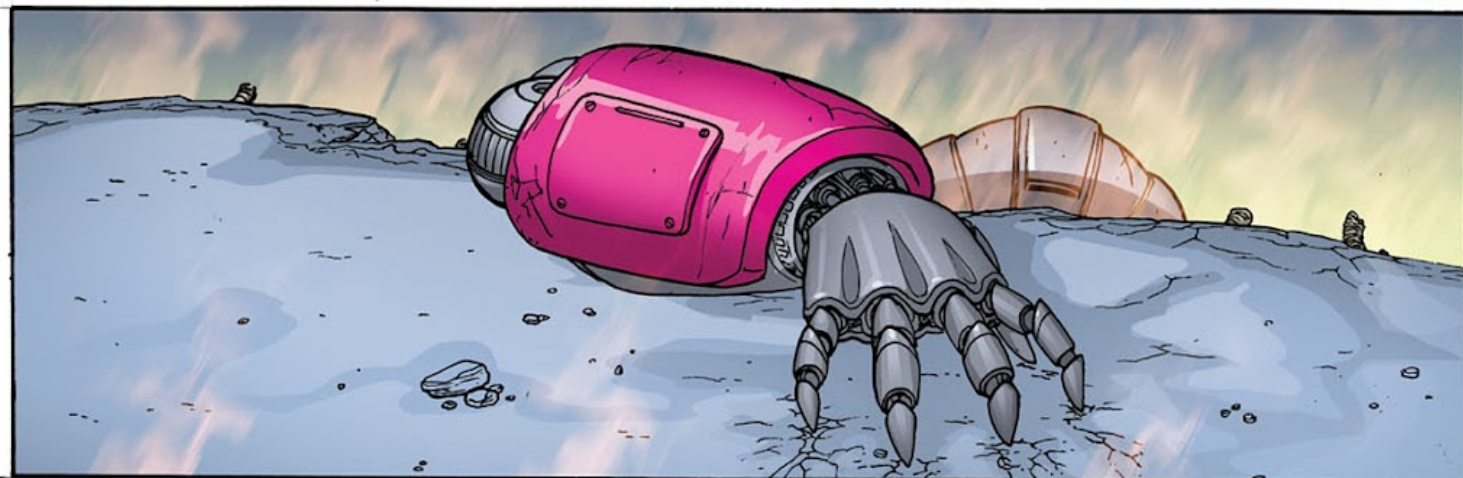
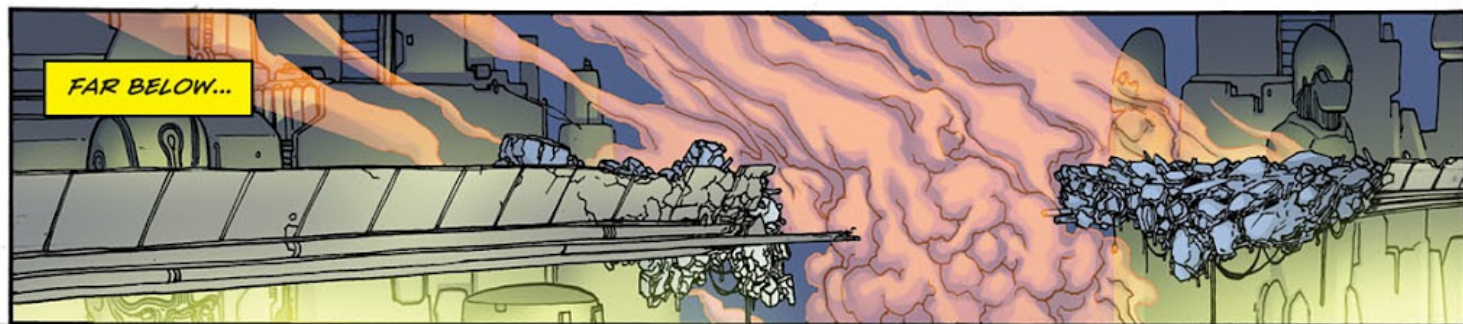
YOU'LL  
BRING THE  
WHOLE CHAMBER  
DOWN UPON  
US!

GALVATRON!  
STOP  
BEFORE-











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IN THE DAYS OF THE AUTOBOT/DECEPTICON CIVIL WAR, THE PLANET *SPINDRIFT* WAS A KEY STRATEGIC OUTPOST.

SPUME CRYSTALS FROM THE GAS GIANT'S VAST *VAPOR OCEANS* COULD BE HARVESTED AND THEN REFINED INTO A CRUDE FORM OF *ENERGON*.

THE CIVIL WAR TOUCHED SPINDRIFT *SEVERAL* TIMES, AS BOTH SIDES FOUGHT TO CONTROL THE FUEL SUPPLY.

NOWADAYS THOUGH, IT'S JUST A HOME FOR HARD-LIVING DRIFTERS...



...WHO TRAWL THE VAPOR OCEANS IN THEIR *BLOOMSHIPS* AND SURVIVE OFF THE PROFITS THEY MAKE FROM THEIR CATCH.

IT'S A *TOUGH* LIFE. SPINDRIFT IS NOT A *FORGIVING* WORLD, AND THE VAPOR OCEANS ARE *FRIENDLESS* PLACES...

...ESPECIALLY HERE IN THE LATITUDES OF THE ETERNAL STORM ZONE KNOWN AS THE *HOWLING BLASHIE*.

VAPOR  
EELS!

VAPOR  
EELS,  
HO!

HARD  
ABOUT,  
MASTER  
EEEMS!

LET'S *FILL*  
OUR DRIFTNETS  
WITH THOSE  
*SLIPPERY*  
BEAUTIES!

AYE,  
CAPTAIN  
KARRG!



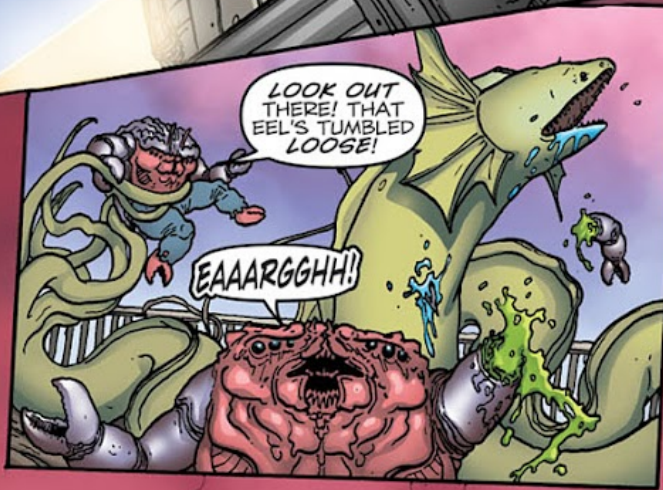






HOLD ON,  
BOYS! HOLD  
ON! SHE'S  
CAUGHT IN THE  
SWELL!

YIIIIII!



LOOK OUT  
THERE! THAT  
EEL'S TUMBLED  
LOOSE!

EEAARGGHH!



DRIFTER  
OVERBOARD!



HOLD ON!  
HOLD ON,  
SHIPMATE!



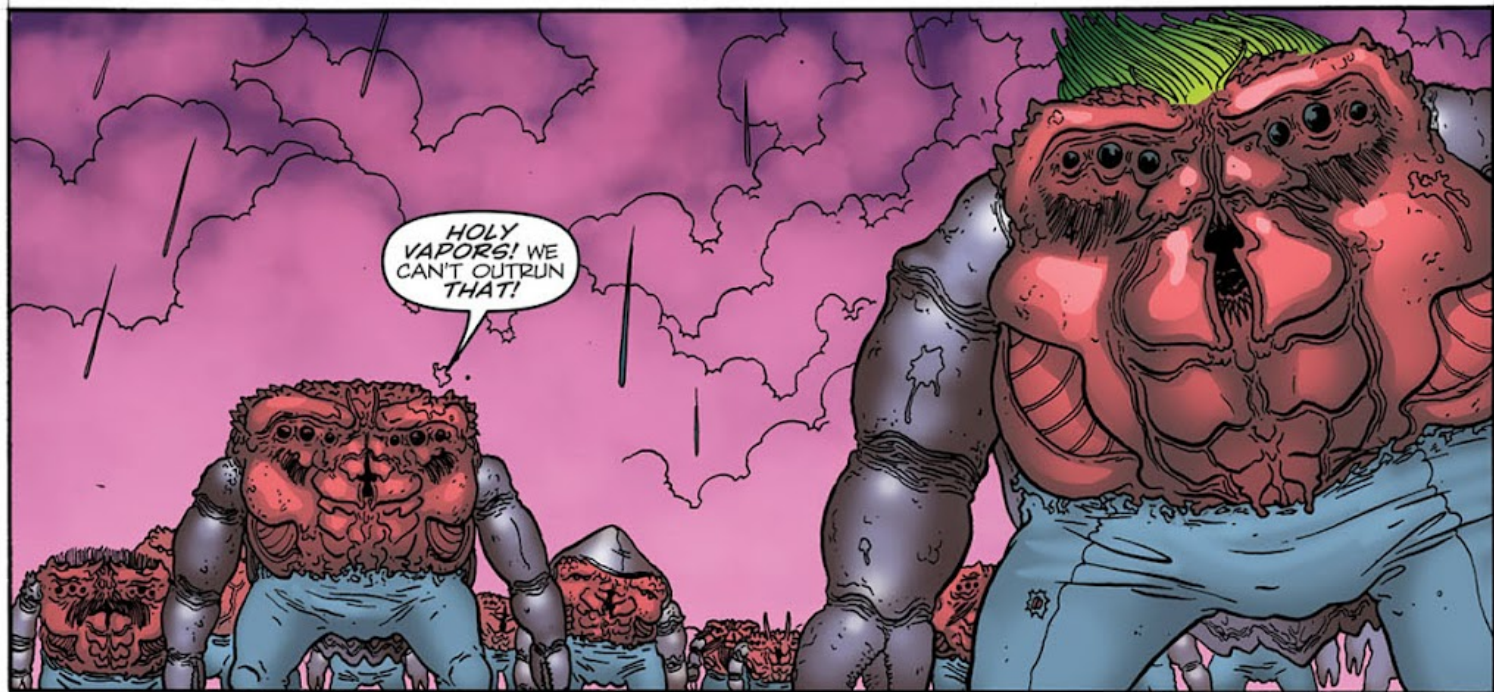
I'M  
SLIPPIN',  
MASTER  
EEEMS!



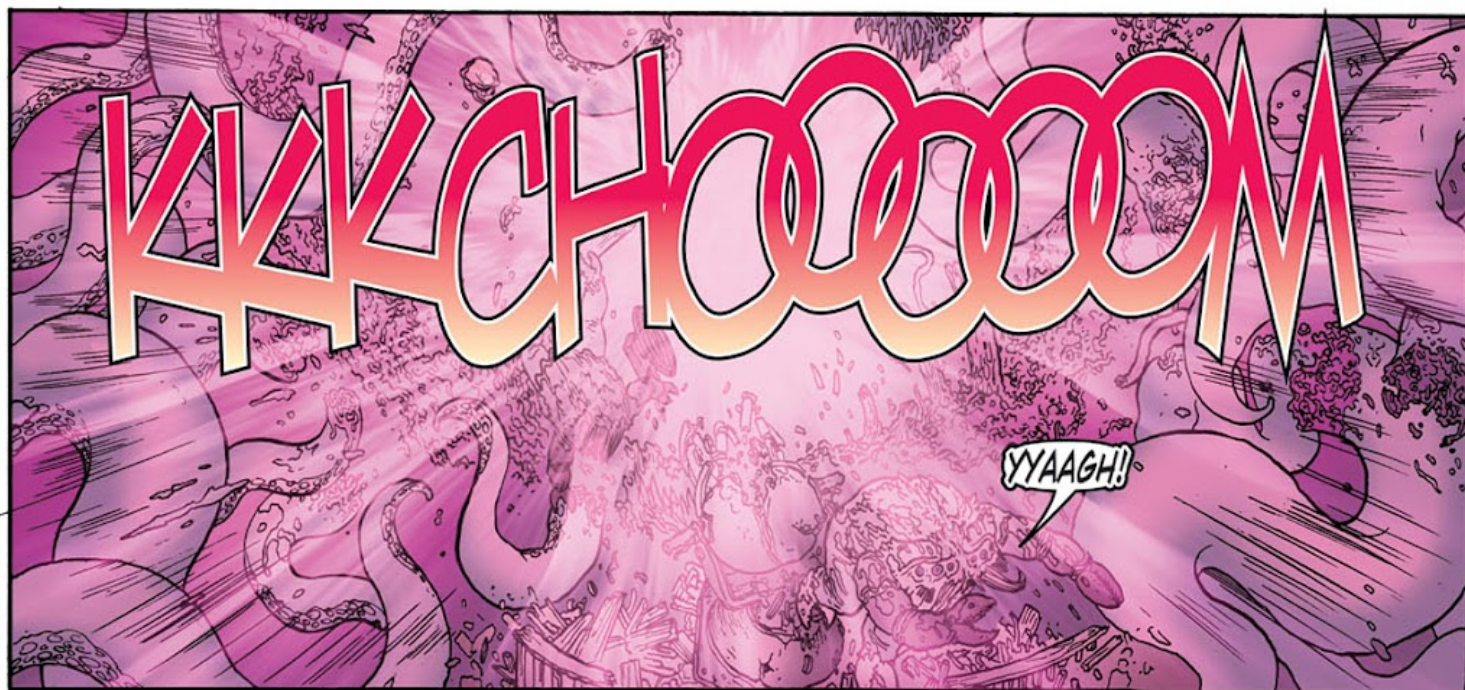
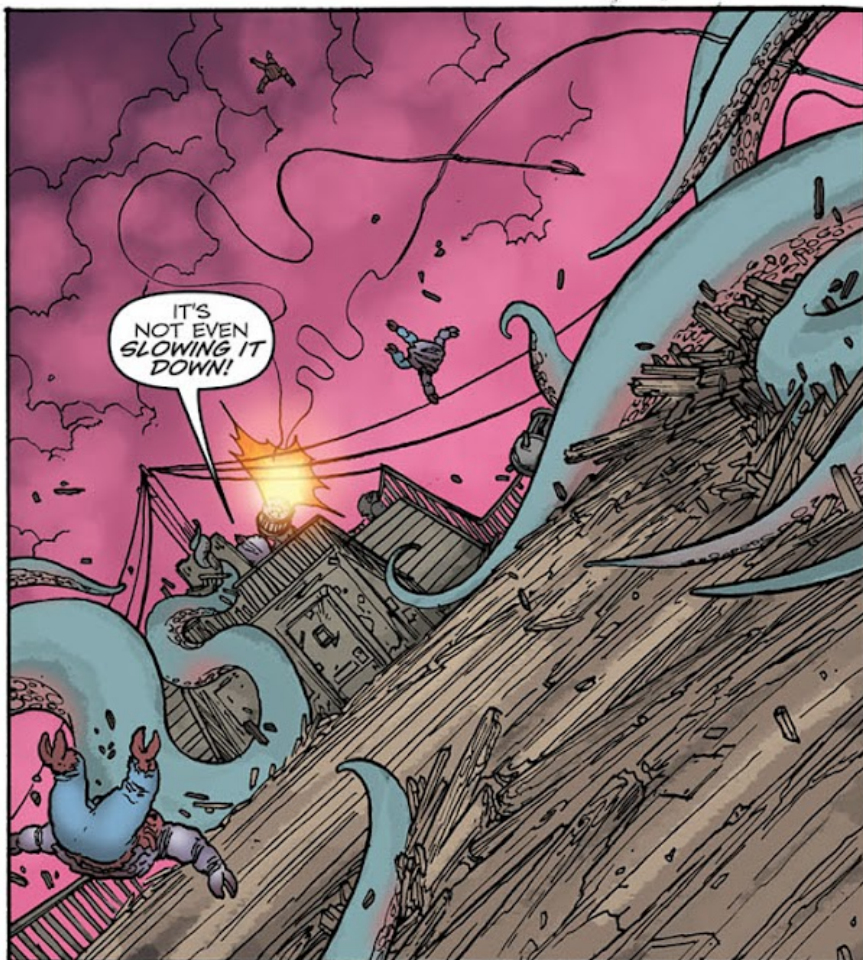
GREAT  
STORMS!

A CLOUD  
LEVIATHAN!  
A CLOUD  
LEVIATHAN  
COMING  
UP!

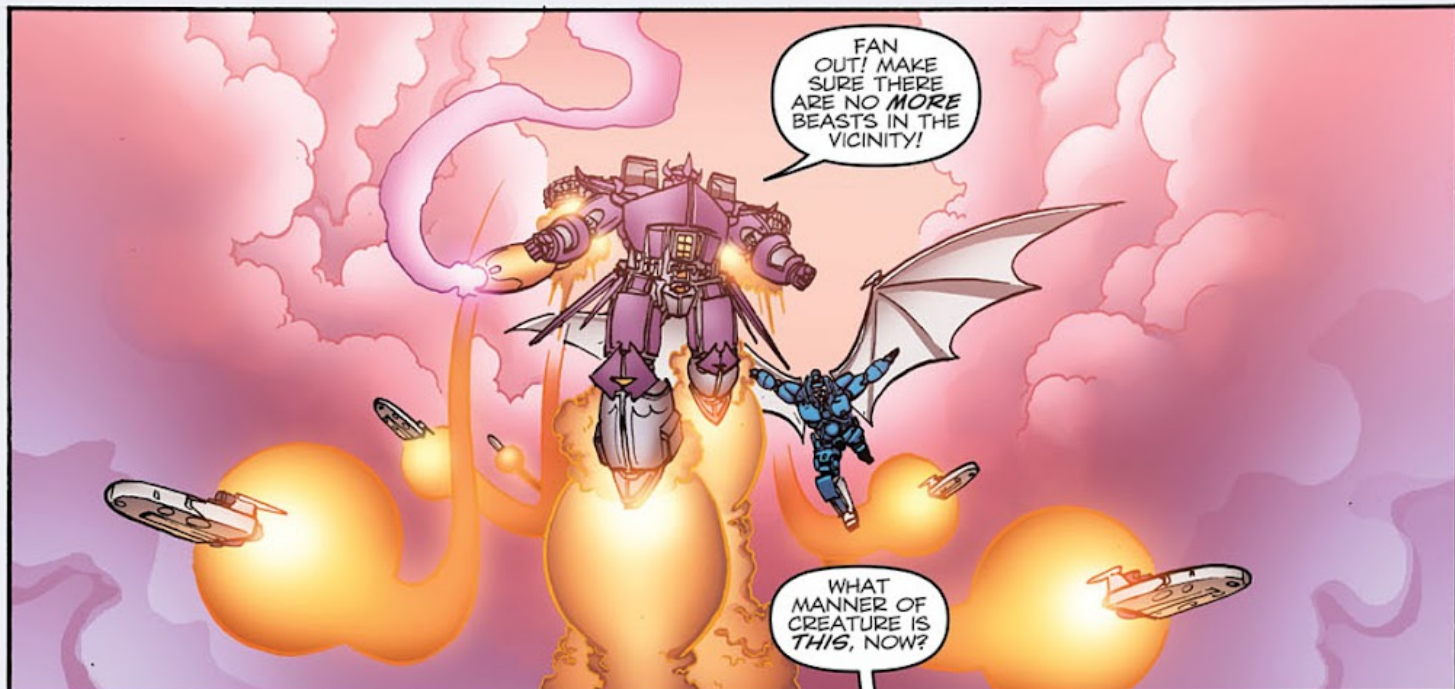






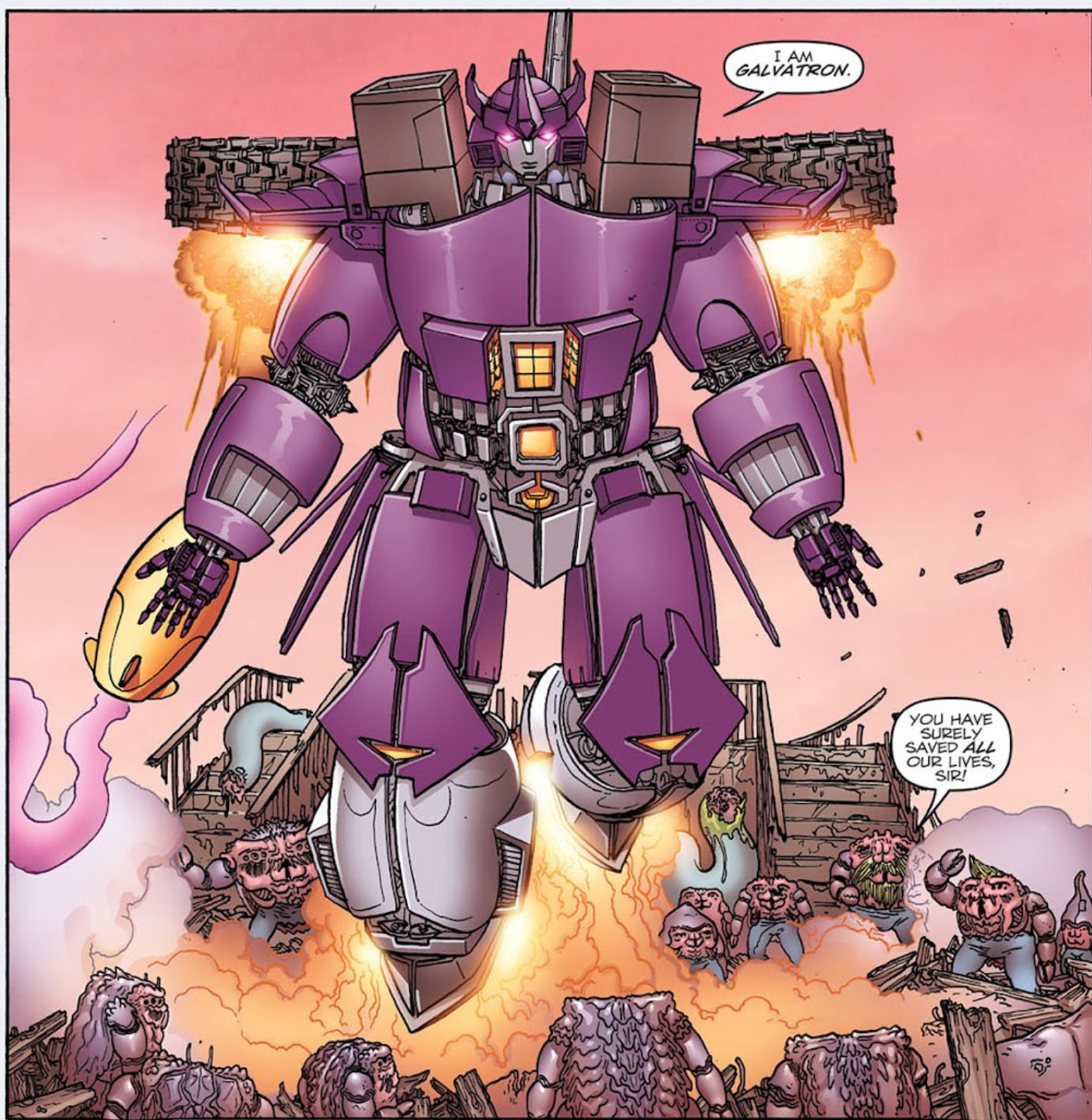






FAN  
OUT! MAKE  
SURE THERE  
ARE NO *MORE*  
BEASTS IN THE  
VICINITY!

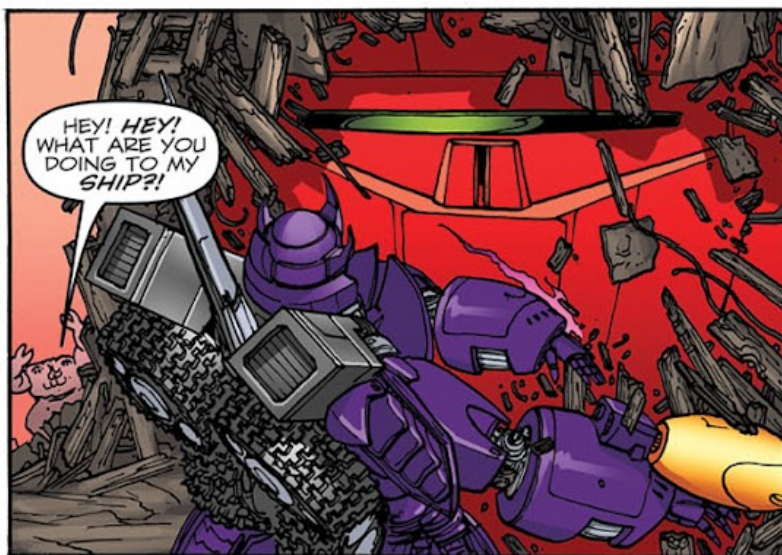
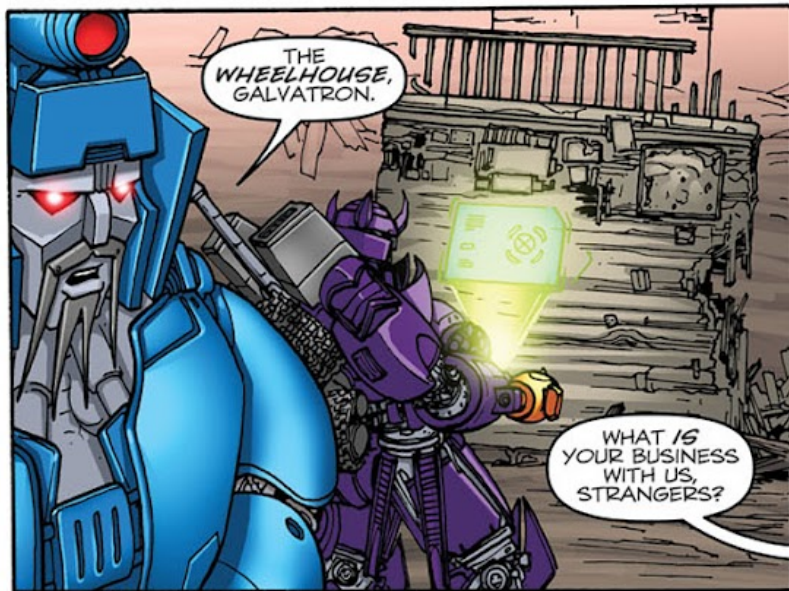
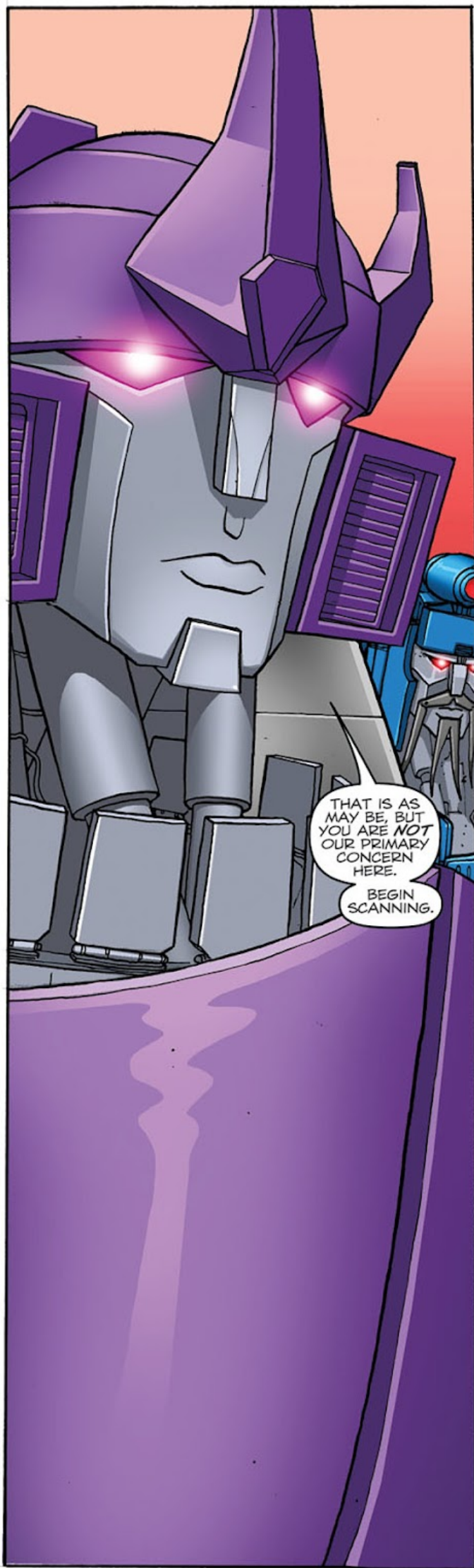
WHAT  
MANNER OF  
CREATURE IS  
*THIS*, NOW?



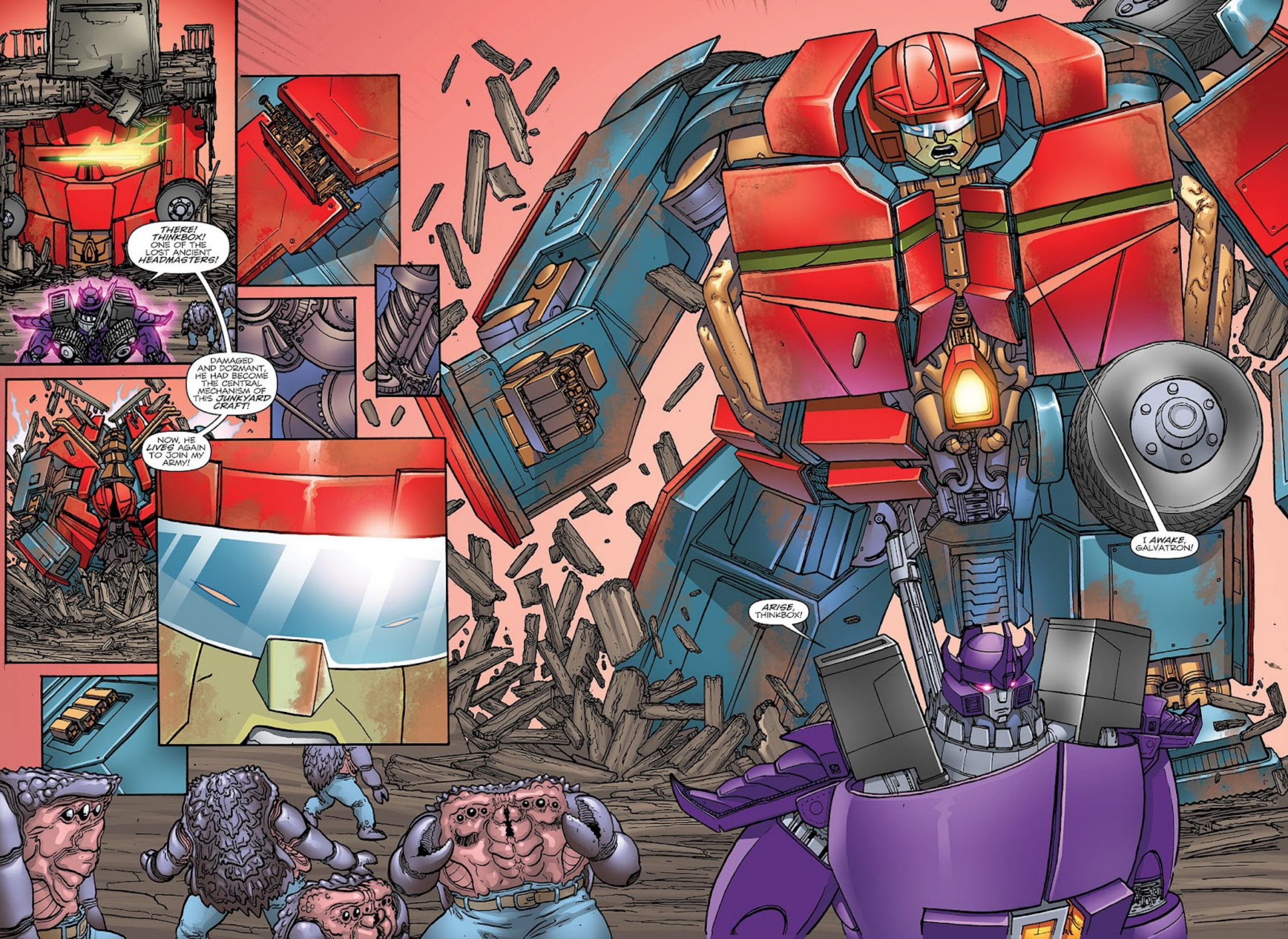
I AM  
*GALVATRON*.

YOU HAVE  
SURELY  
SAVED *ALL*  
OUR LIVES,  
SIR!









THERE!  
THINKBOX!  
ONE OF THE  
LOST ANCIENT  
HEADMASTERS!

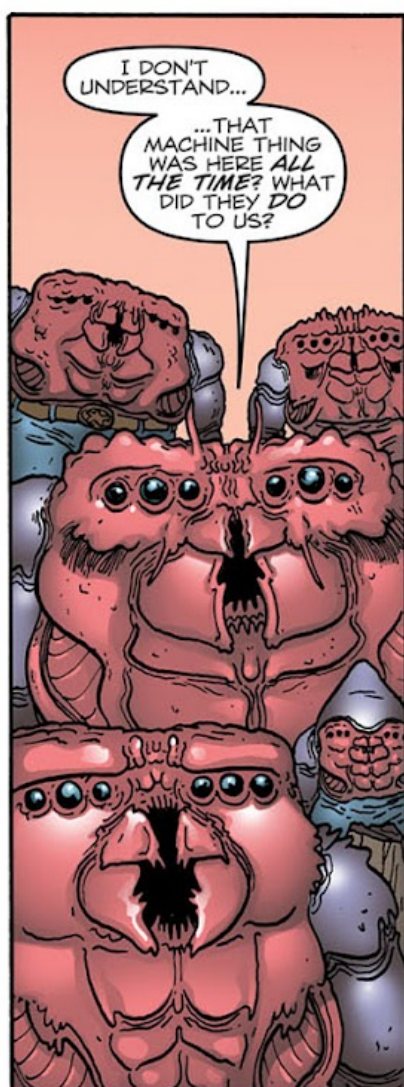
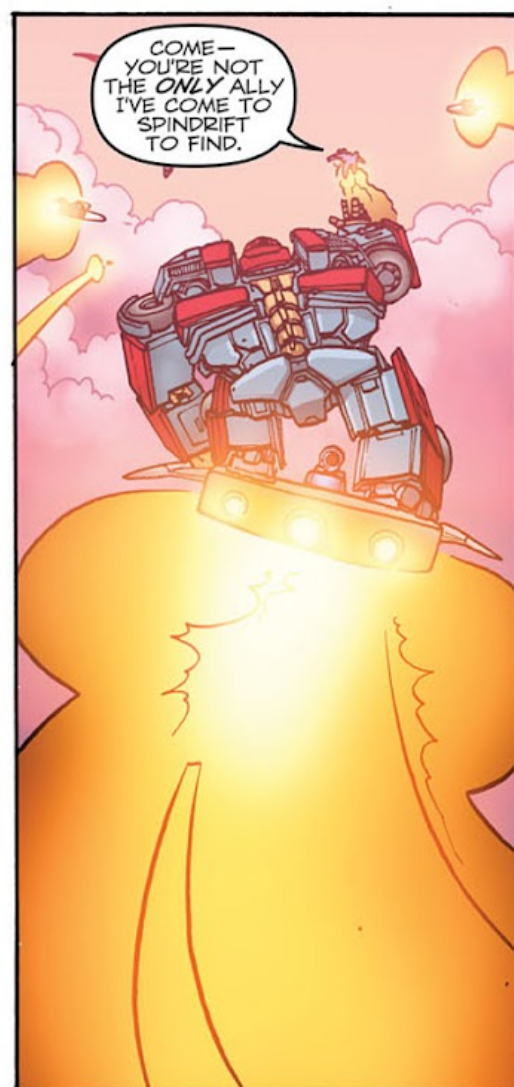
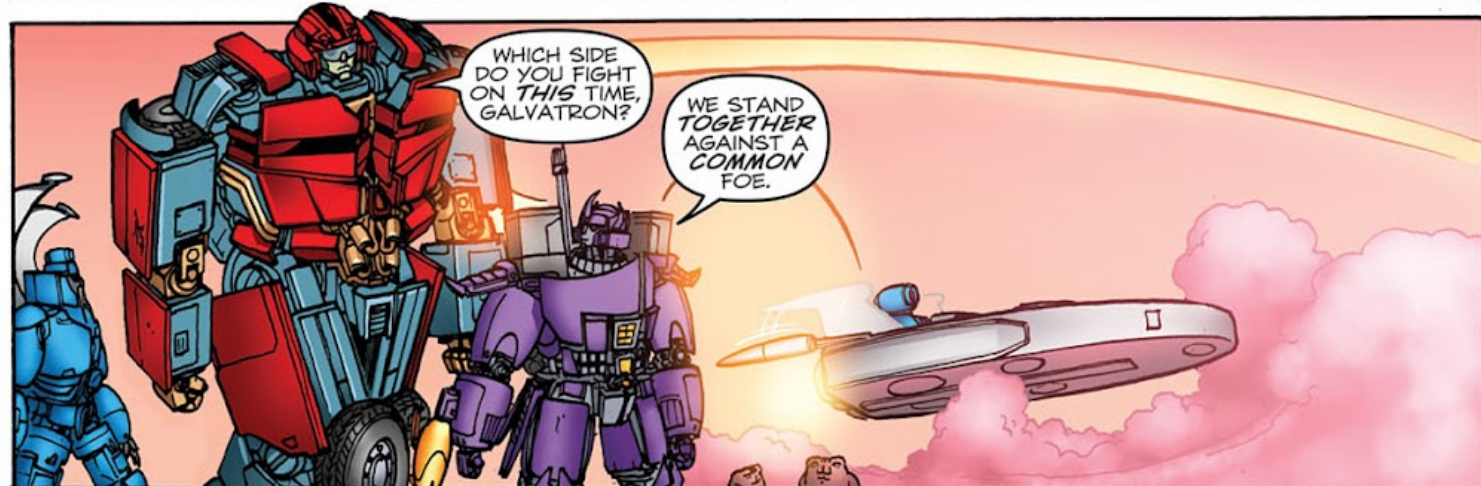
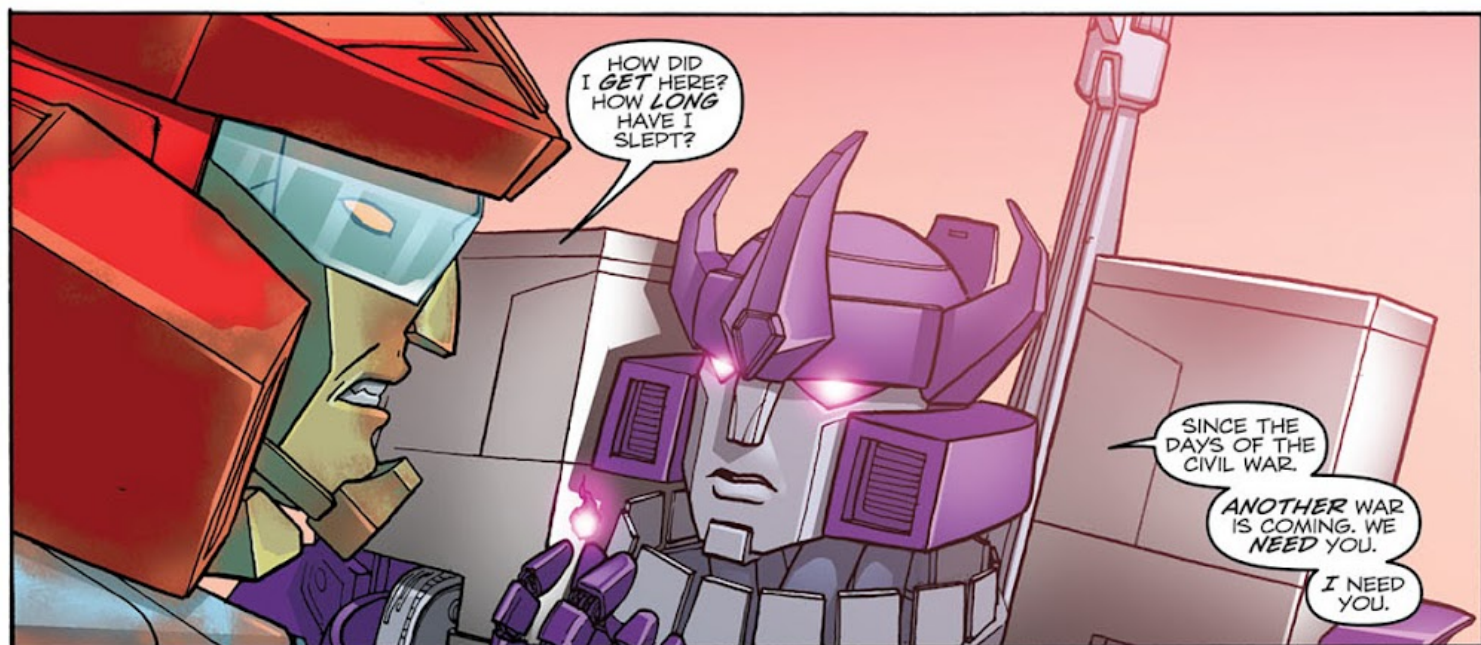
DAMAGED  
AND DORMANT,  
HE HAD BECOME  
THE CENTRAL  
MECHANISM OF  
THIS JUNKYARD  
CRAFT!

NOW, HE  
LIVES AGAIN  
TO JOIN MY  
ARMY!

ARISE,  
THINKBOX!

I AWAKE  
GALVATRON!





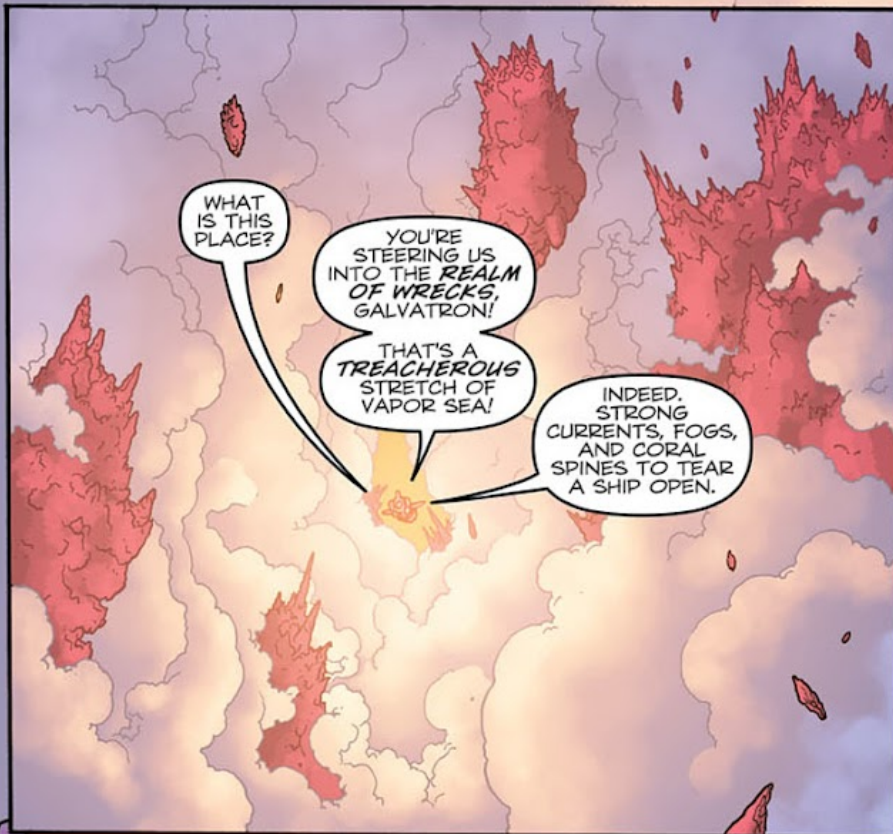




COME ABOARD  
OUR SKIMMER,  
THINKBOX...



...WE HAVE  
**ANOTHER**  
STOP TO  
MAKE.

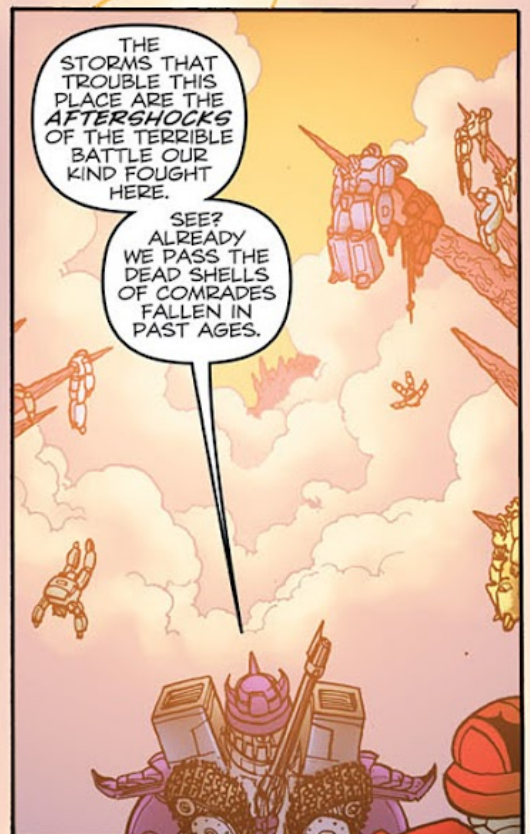


WHAT  
IS THIS  
PLACE?

YOU'RE  
STEERING US  
INTO THE **REALM  
OF WRECKS,**  
GALVATRON!

THAT'S A  
**TREACHEROUS**  
STRETCH OF  
VAPOR SEA!

INDEED.  
STRONG  
CURRENTS, FOGS,  
AND CORAL  
SPINES TO TEAR  
A SHIP OPEN.



THE  
STORMS THAT  
TROUBLE THIS  
PLACE ARE THE  
**AFTERSHOCKS**  
OF THE TERRIBLE  
BATTLE OUR  
KIND FOUGHT  
HERE.

SEE?  
ALREADY  
WE PASS THE  
DEAD SHELLS  
OF COMRADES  
FALLEN IN  
PAST AGES.



DURING THE  
CIVIL WAR, **BOTH**  
SIDES WANTED  
SPINDRIFT... AND  
THE BATTLES FOR  
POSSESSION WERE  
**SAVAGE.**

GALVATRON!  
WH-WHAT'S  
THERE?



THIS IS  
WHERE THE  
SHIPBUILDERS  
SALVAGED  
YOU FROM,  
THINKBOX!

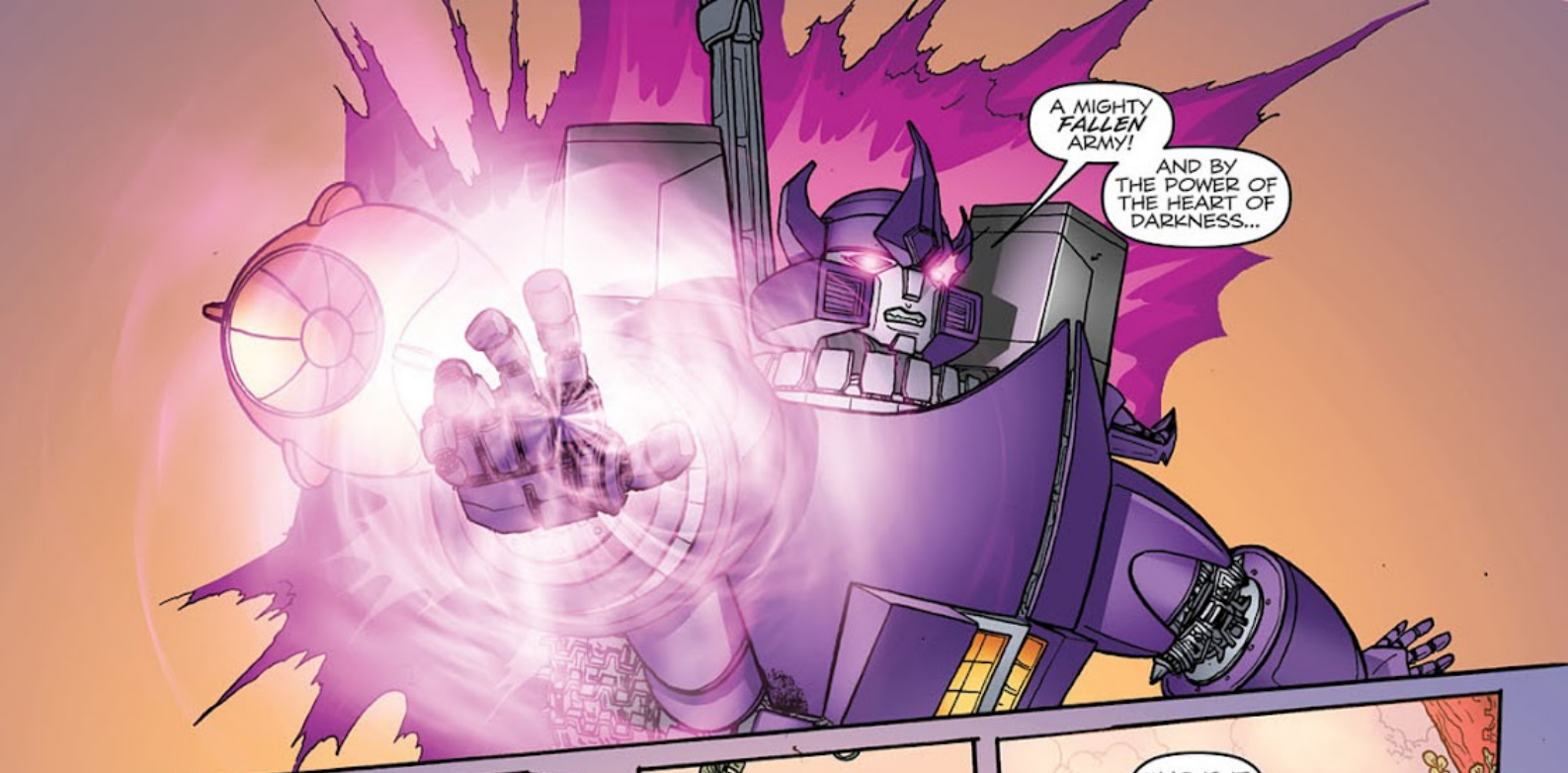
THIS  
WAS WHERE  
THEY FOUND  
YOUR DAMAGED,  
*UNPOWERED*,  
FORM AND USED IT  
TO FORM THE  
*BASIS* OF A  
VAPOR SHIP!

SEE  
NOW THE  
*COUNTLESS*  
DEAD OF  
CYBERTRON,  
OUR BRETHREN  
FALLEN IN THE  
*OLD WAR*?

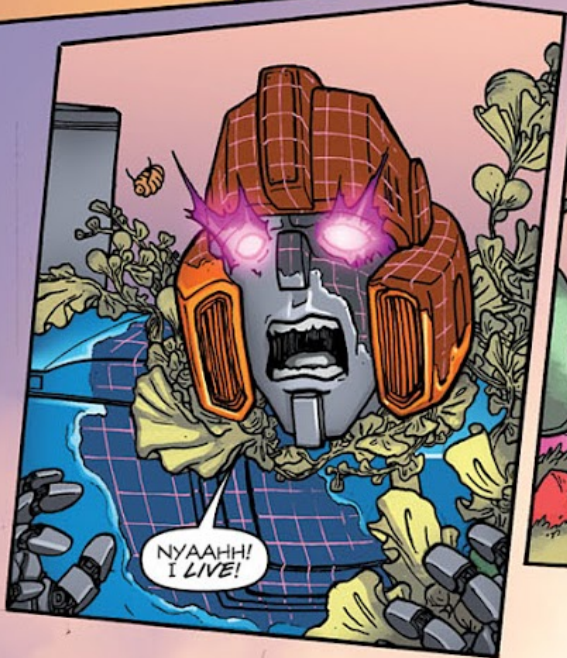
THEIR POWER  
EXHAUSTED,  
THEY HAVE BEEN  
LEFT HERE TO  
*RUST*, OR BE  
SALVAGED AS  
*SCRAP* LIKE  
YOU.







A MIGHTY  
FALLEN  
ARMY!  
AND BY  
THE POWER OF  
THE HEART OF  
DARKNESS...



NYAAHH!  
I LIVE!



A-AM I  
ALIVE?



WHO IS IT  
THAT HAS  
RESTORED  
US?



...THAT  
ARMY SHALL  
RISE  
AGAIN!









MY FRIENDS,  
WE ARE NOW  
IN TRANSIT VIA  
SPACEBRIDGE  
TO THE WORLD  
OF GORLAM  
PRIME.

GORLAM PRIME  
IS THE CURRENT  
HEADQUARTERS  
OF THE ARMY I  
AM BUILDING.

I CAME TO  
SPINDRIFT TO  
FIND YOU ALL,  
TO RENEW YOU ALL  
WITH POWER, JUST  
AS I DID SCOURGE  
AND CYCLONUS,  
WHO I FOUND AMID  
GORLAM PRIME'S  
RUINS.

PUT  
ASIDE ALL  
THOUGHTS OF  
THE OLD CIVIL  
WAR.

I  
NEED EVERY  
ONE OF YOU,  
AUTOBOT AND  
DECEPTICON  
ALIKE!

OUR  
ANCIENT  
ENMITY IS  
LONG  
PAST.

ONLY THE  
FUTURE  
REMAINS!

A GREAT  
THREAT  
IS RISING, A FORCE  
THAT WILL MENACE  
THE ENTIRE  
GALAXY.

IT IS KNOWN  
AS D-VOID!  
IT FEEDS UPON  
THE ROBOTIC  
SPARK OF  
LIFE!

TO  
PREPARE  
AGAINST ITS  
COMING, I HAVE  
SET OUT TO RAISE  
AN ARMY TO  
STAND IN ITS  
WAY.

USING THE  
SPACEBRIDGE, I  
HAVE VISITED MANY  
DIFFERENT WORLDS,  
RECRUITING OUR  
FALLEN OR LOST KIN,  
OR RECRUITING  
ROBOTIC LIFE FORMS  
FROM OTHER  
RACES!

A MILLION  
STRONG, WE  
STAND READY  
TO FACE THE  
GREATEST  
BATTLE OF  
OUR LIVES...



"...AND THE *ONLY* BATTLE  
THAT WILL *EVER* MATTER."

GORLAM PRIME.

YOU HAVE  
RAISED AN  
IMPRESSIVE HOST,  
GALVATRON...



REAL?  
YOU THINK  
D-VOID IS A  
DELUSION?

I-I WAS JUST  
W-WONDERING...

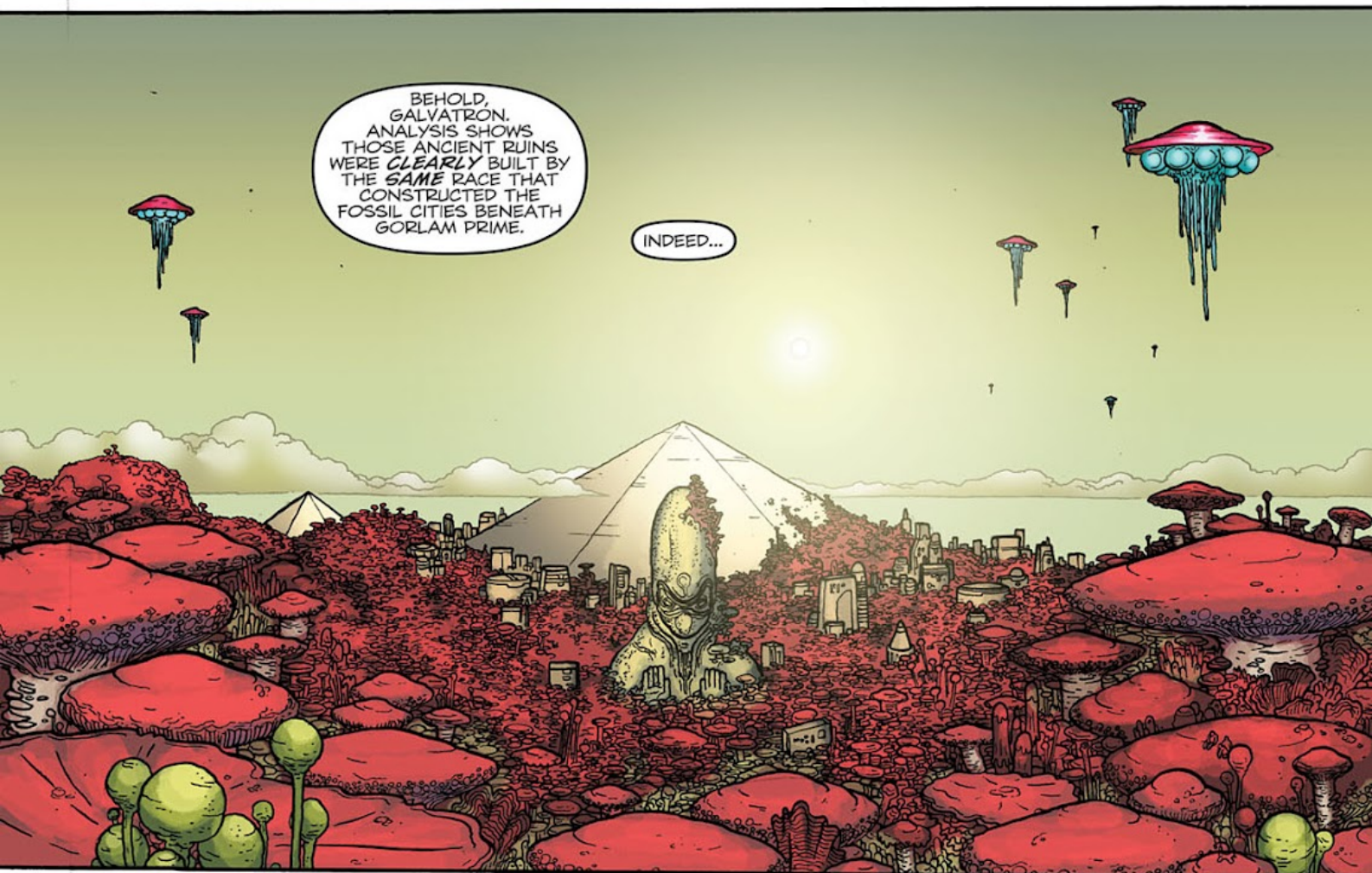




"...ON THE REMOTE  
PLANET *DYKAYRA*."

BEHOLD,  
GALVATRON.  
ANALYSIS SHOWS  
THOSE ANCIENT RUINS  
WERE *CLEARLY* BUILT BY  
THE *SAME* RACE THAT  
CONSTRUCTED THE  
FOSSIL CITIES BENEATH  
GORLAM PRIME.

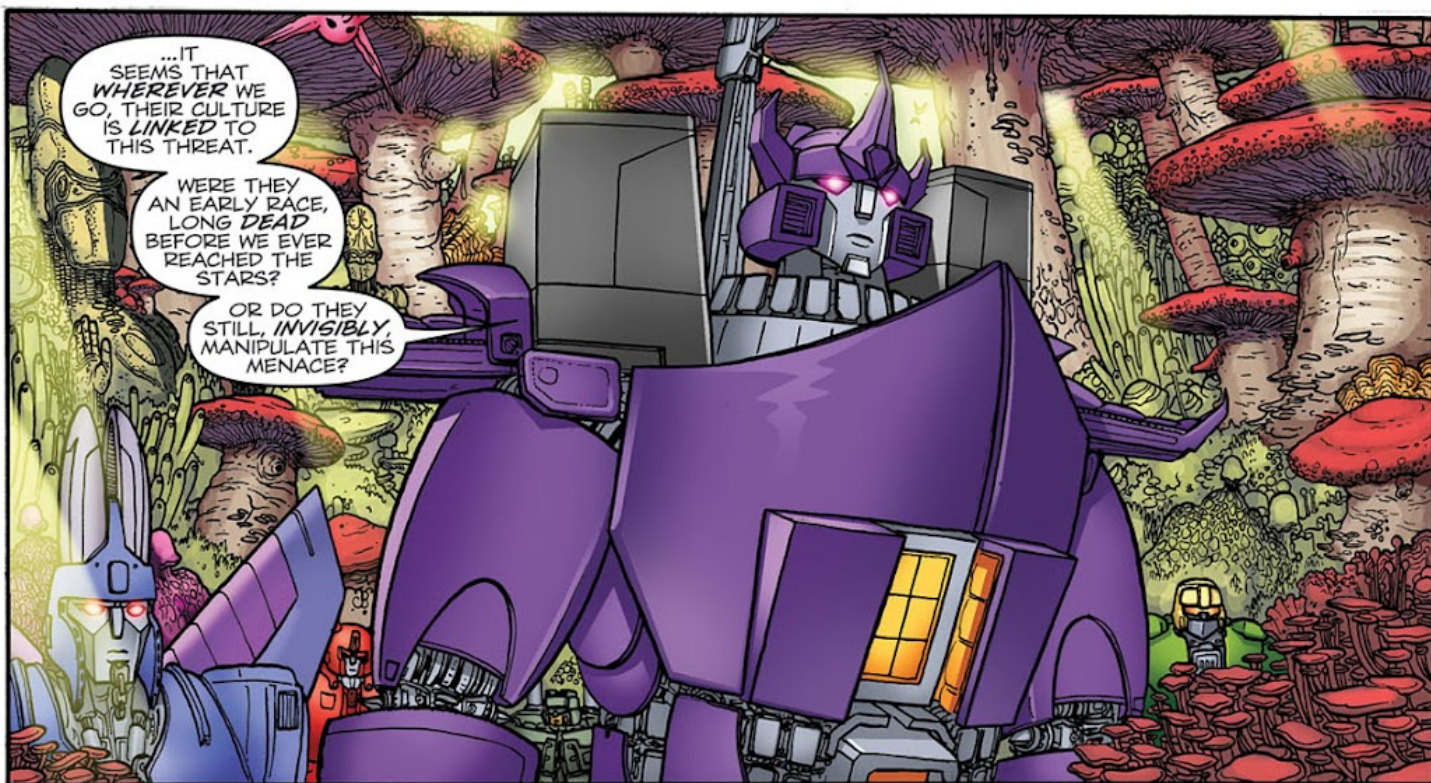
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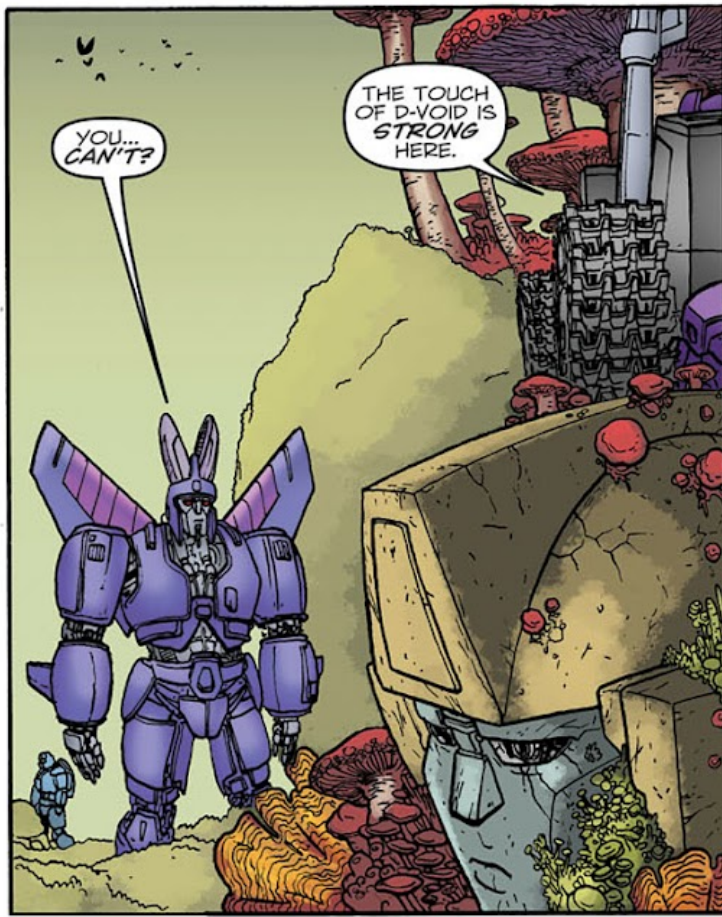
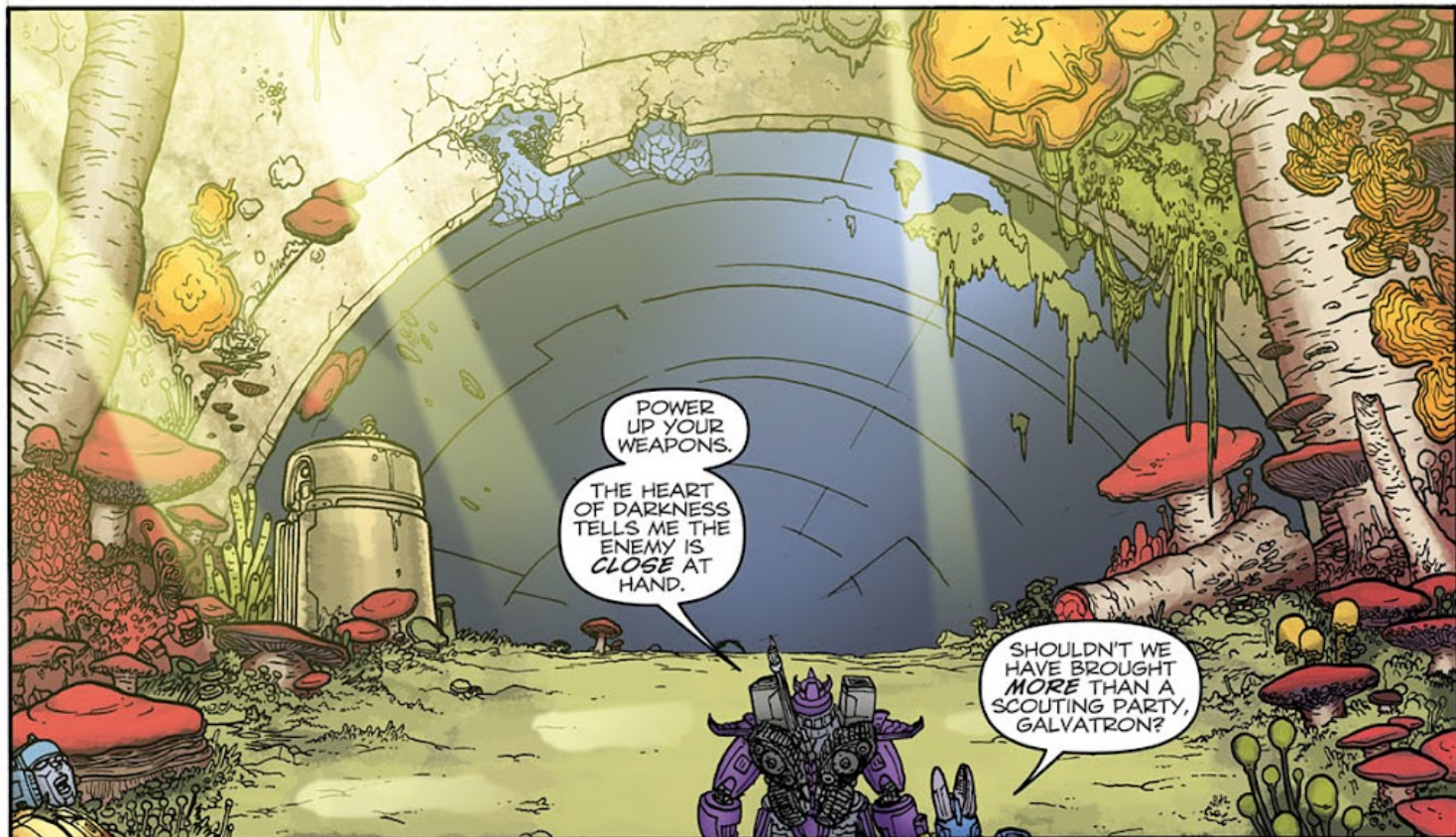
...IT  
SEEMS THAT  
*WHEREVER* WE  
GO, THEIR CULTURE  
IS *LINKED* TO  
THIS THREAT.

WERE THEY  
AN EARLY RACE,  
LONG DEAD  
BEFORE WE EVER  
REACHED THE  
STARS?

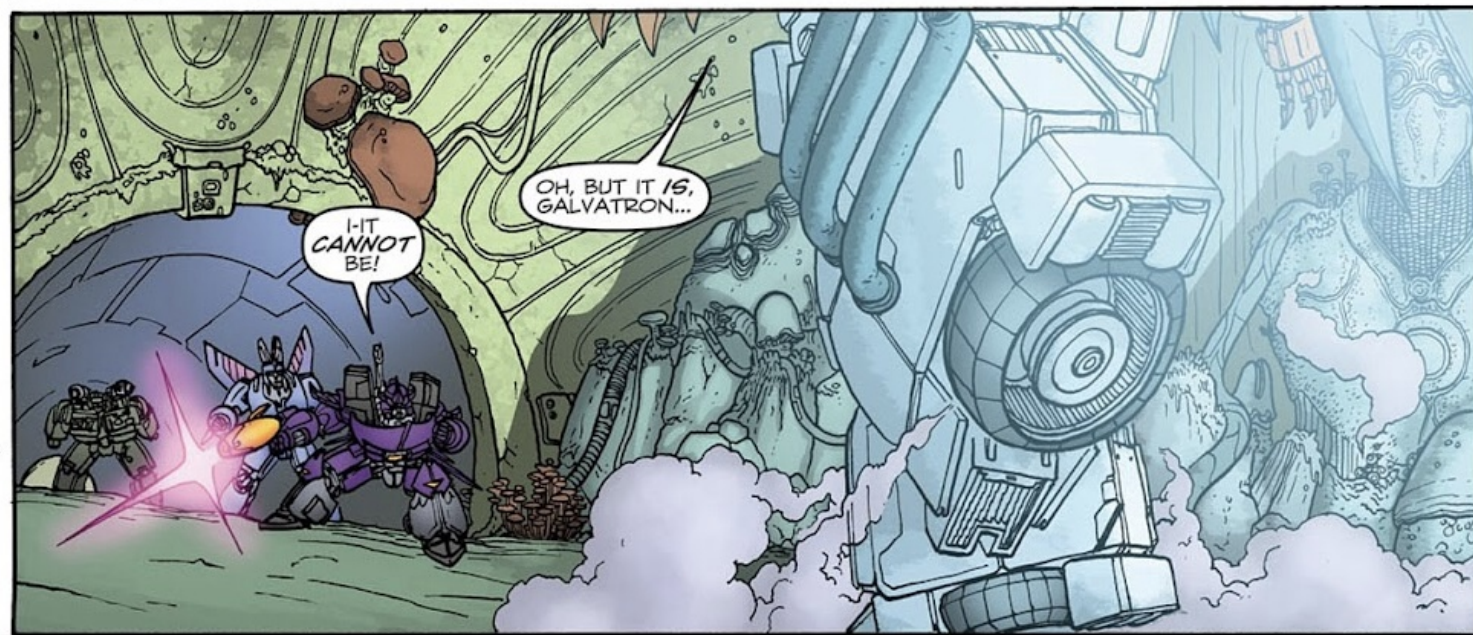
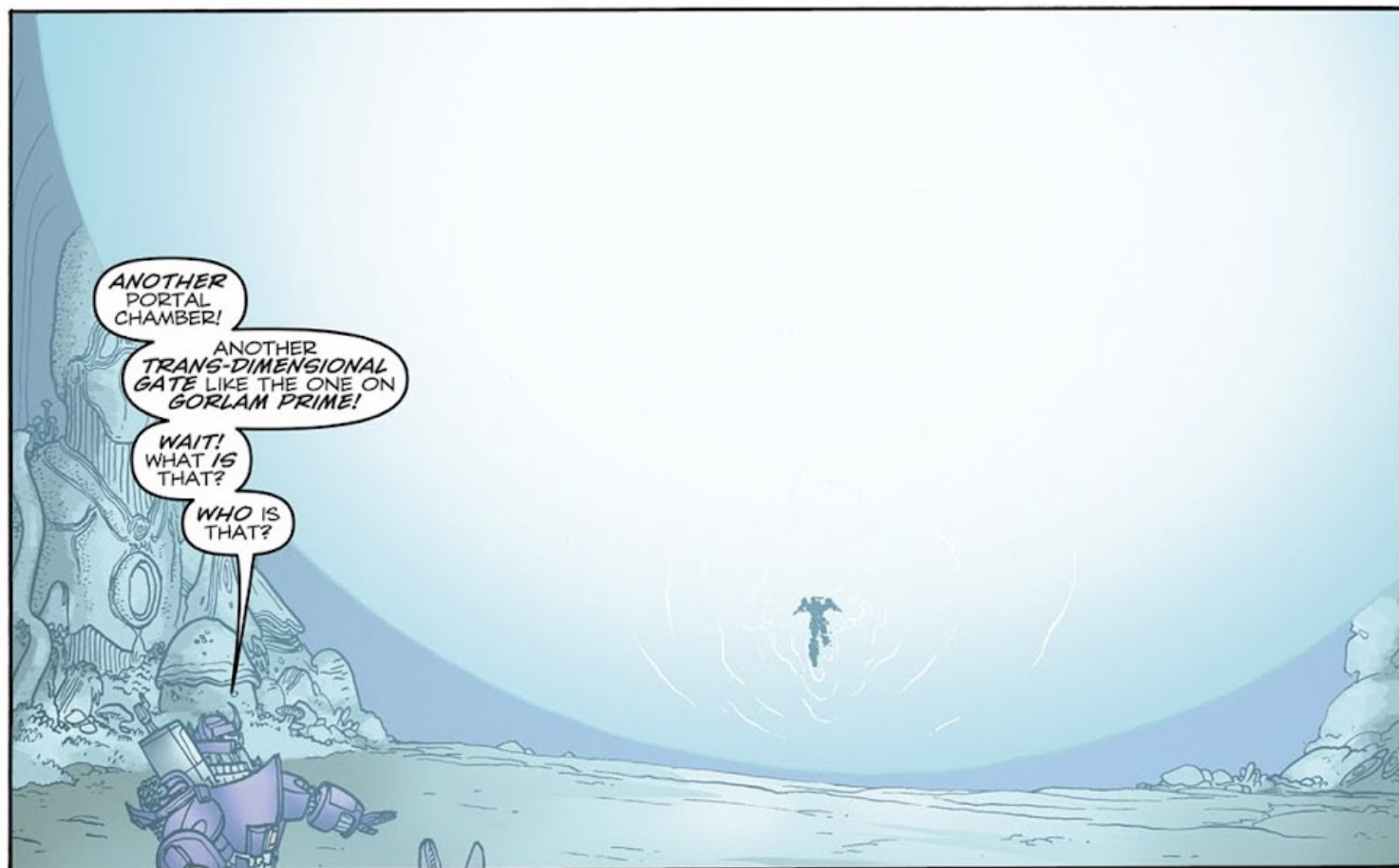
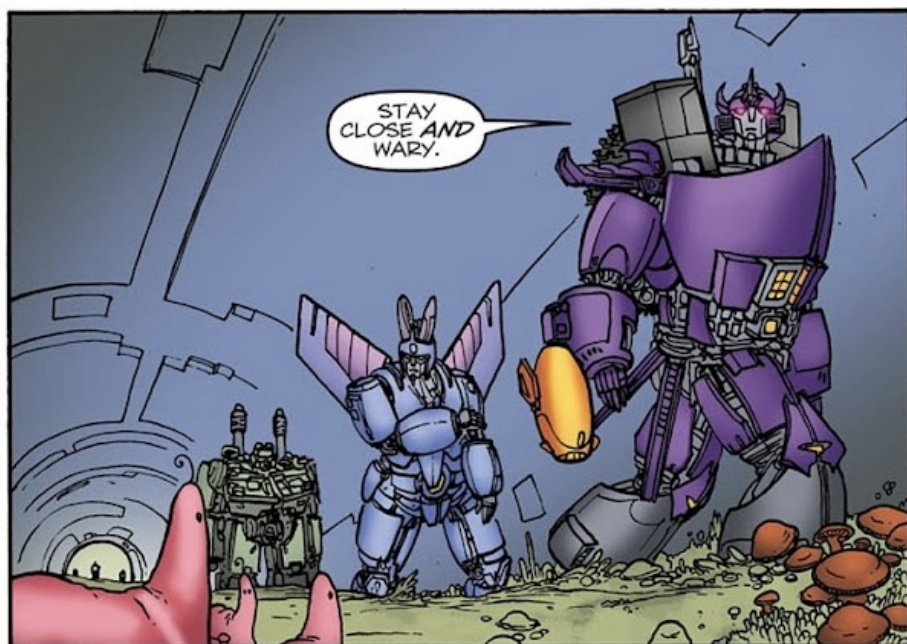
OR DO THEY  
STILL, *INVISIBLY*,  
MANIPULATE THIS  
MENACE?





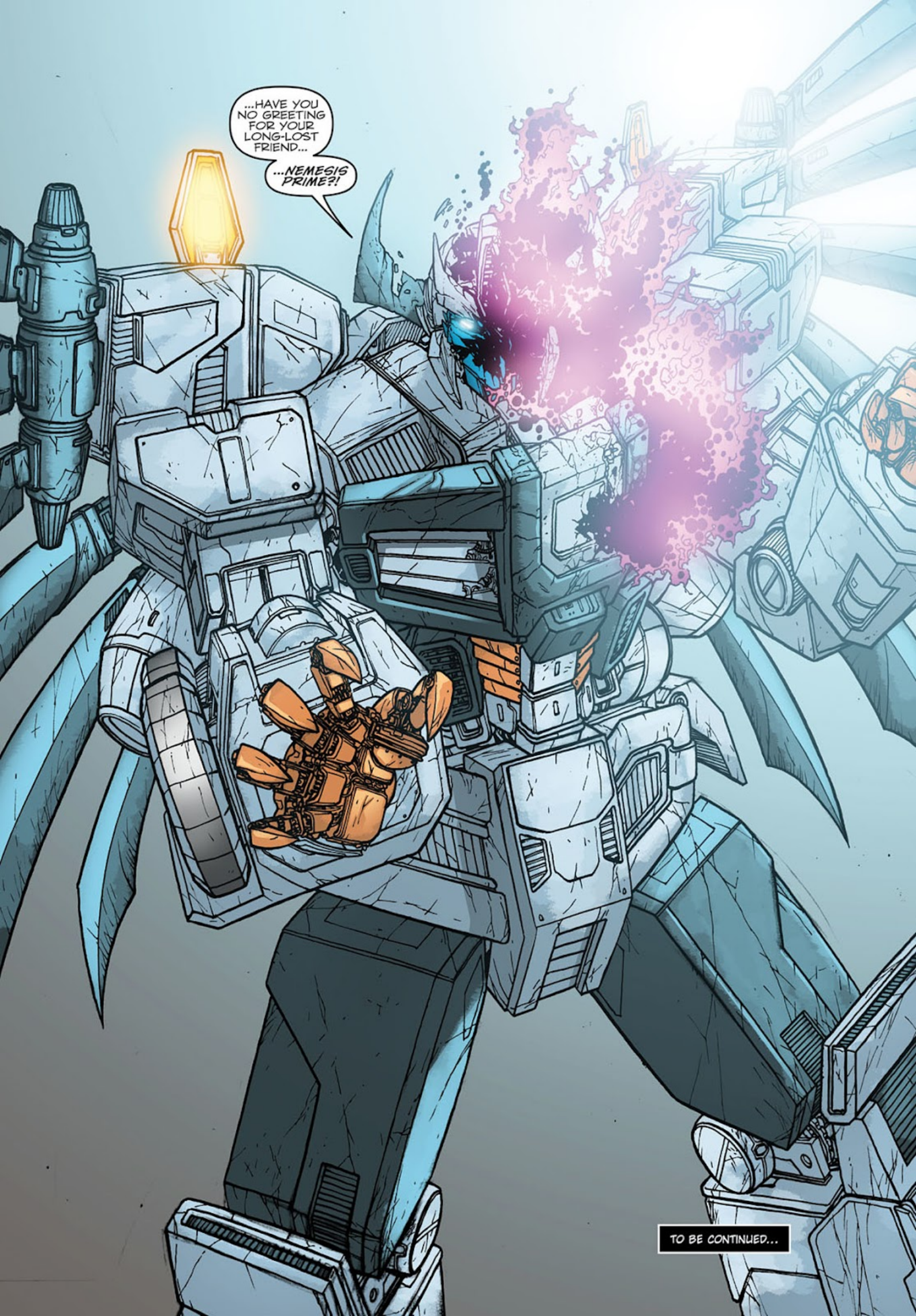








...HAVE YOU  
NO GREETING  
FOR YOUR  
LONG-LOST  
FRIEND...  
...NEMESIS  
PRIME?!



TO BE CONTINUED...



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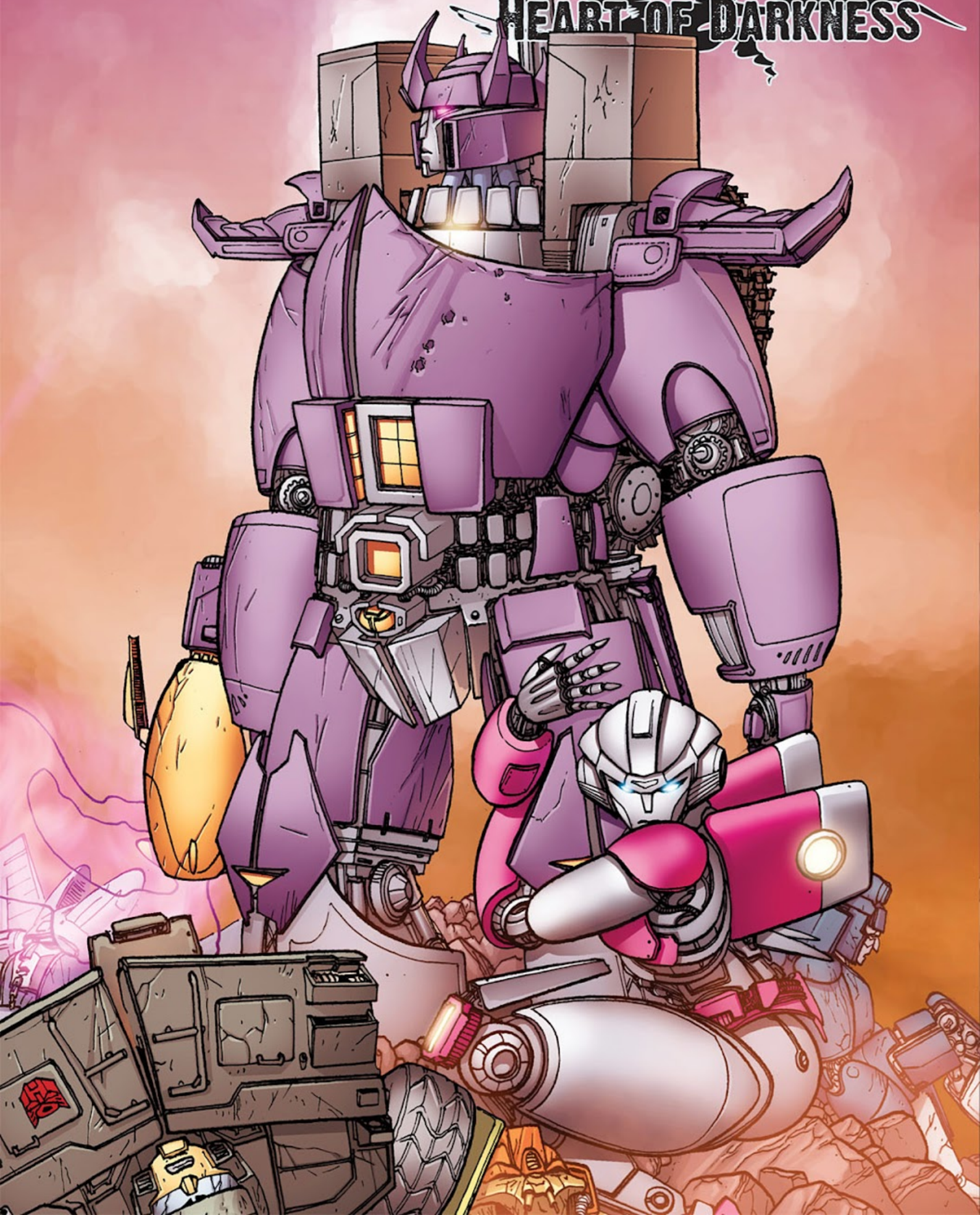
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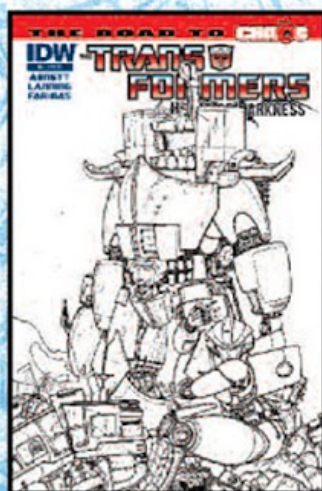
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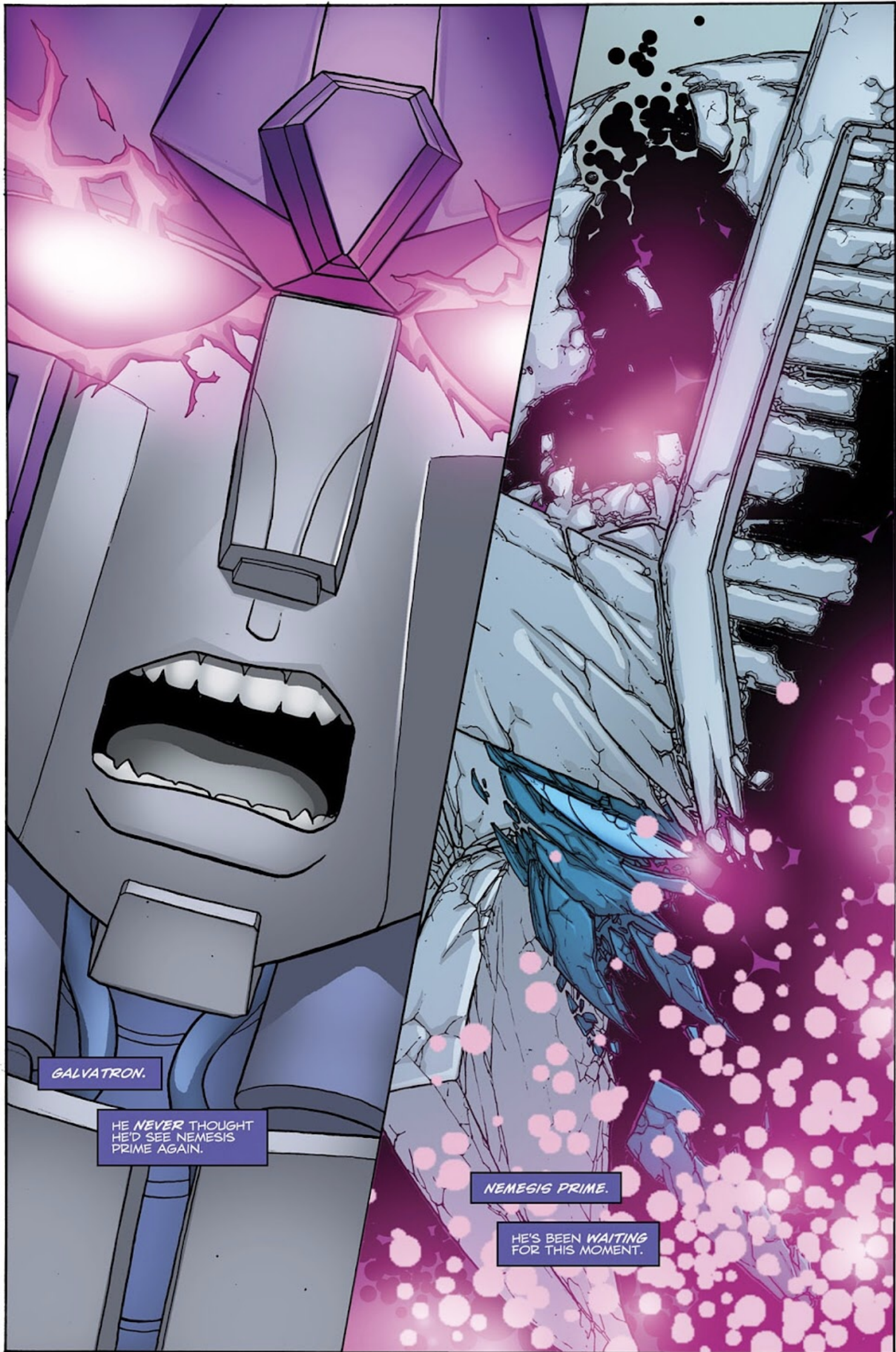
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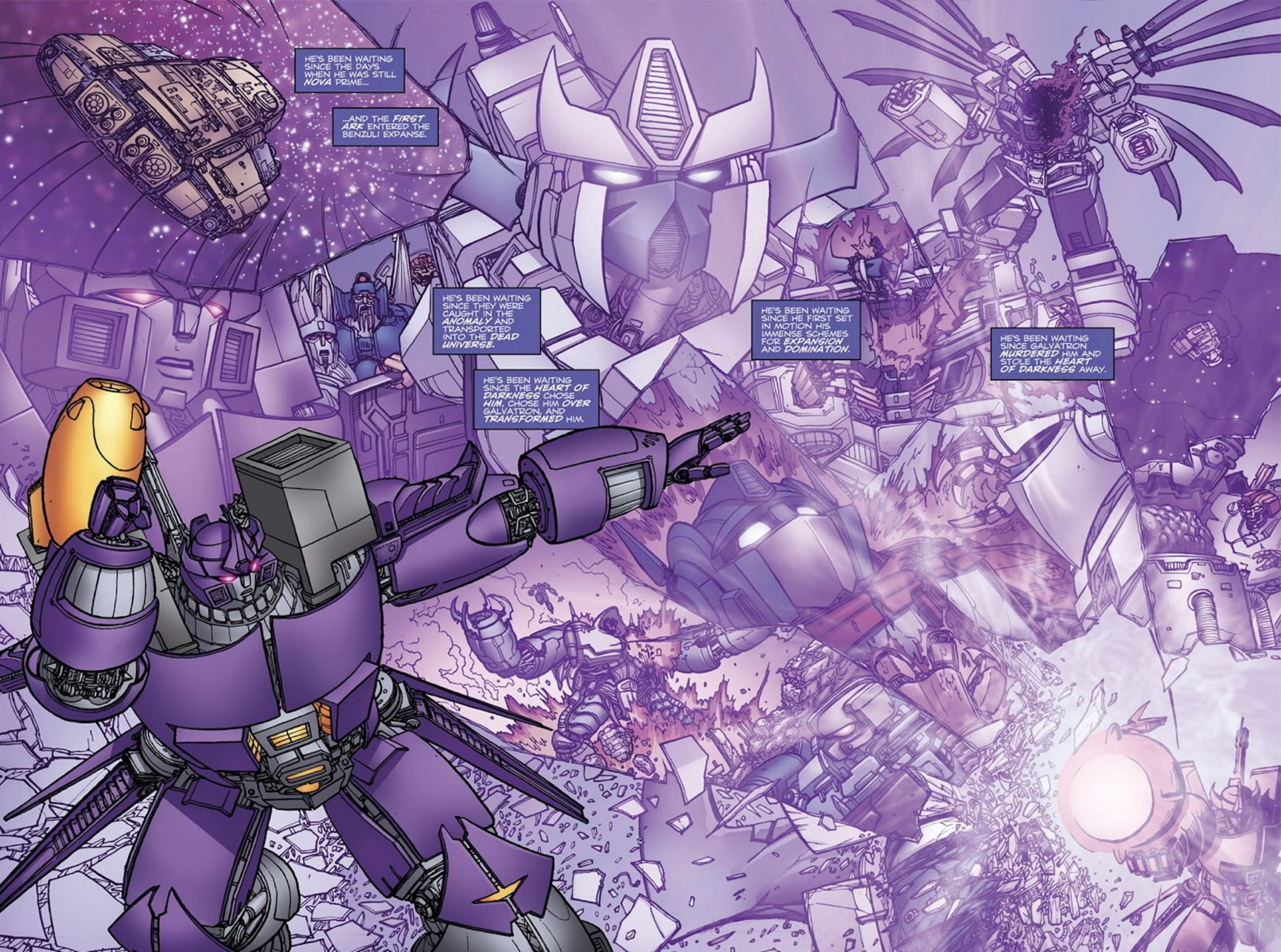
GALVATRON.

HE NEVER THOUGHT  
HE'D SEE NEMESIS  
PRIME AGAIN.

NEMESIS PRIME.

HE'S BEEN WAITING  
FOR THIS MOMENT.





HE'S BEEN WAITING  
SINCE THE DAYS  
WHEN HE WAS STILL  
NOVA PRIME...

...AND THE *FIRST*  
ARK ENTERED THE  
BENZULI EXPANSE.

HE'S BEEN WAITING  
SINCE THEY WERE  
CAUGHT IN THE  
ANOMALY AND  
TRANSPORTED  
INTO THE DEAD  
UNIVERSE.

HE'S BEEN WAITING  
SINCE THE *HEART OF  
DARKNESS* CHOSE  
HIM, CHOSE HIM *OVER*  
GALVATRON AND  
TRANSFORMED HIM.

HE'S BEEN WAITING  
SINCE HE FIRST SET  
IN MOTION HIS  
IMMENSE SCHEMES  
FOR *EXPANSION*  
AND *DOMINATION*.

HE'S BEEN WAITING  
SINCE GALVATRON  
*MURDERED* HIM AND  
STOLE THE *HEART  
OF DARKNESS* AWAY.





BETRAYAL  
COMES AT  
A PRICE.  
GALVATRON.

AND  
A BETRAYAL  
AS WRETCHED AS  
YOURS DEMANDS  
THE HIGHEST  
PRICE OF ALL!



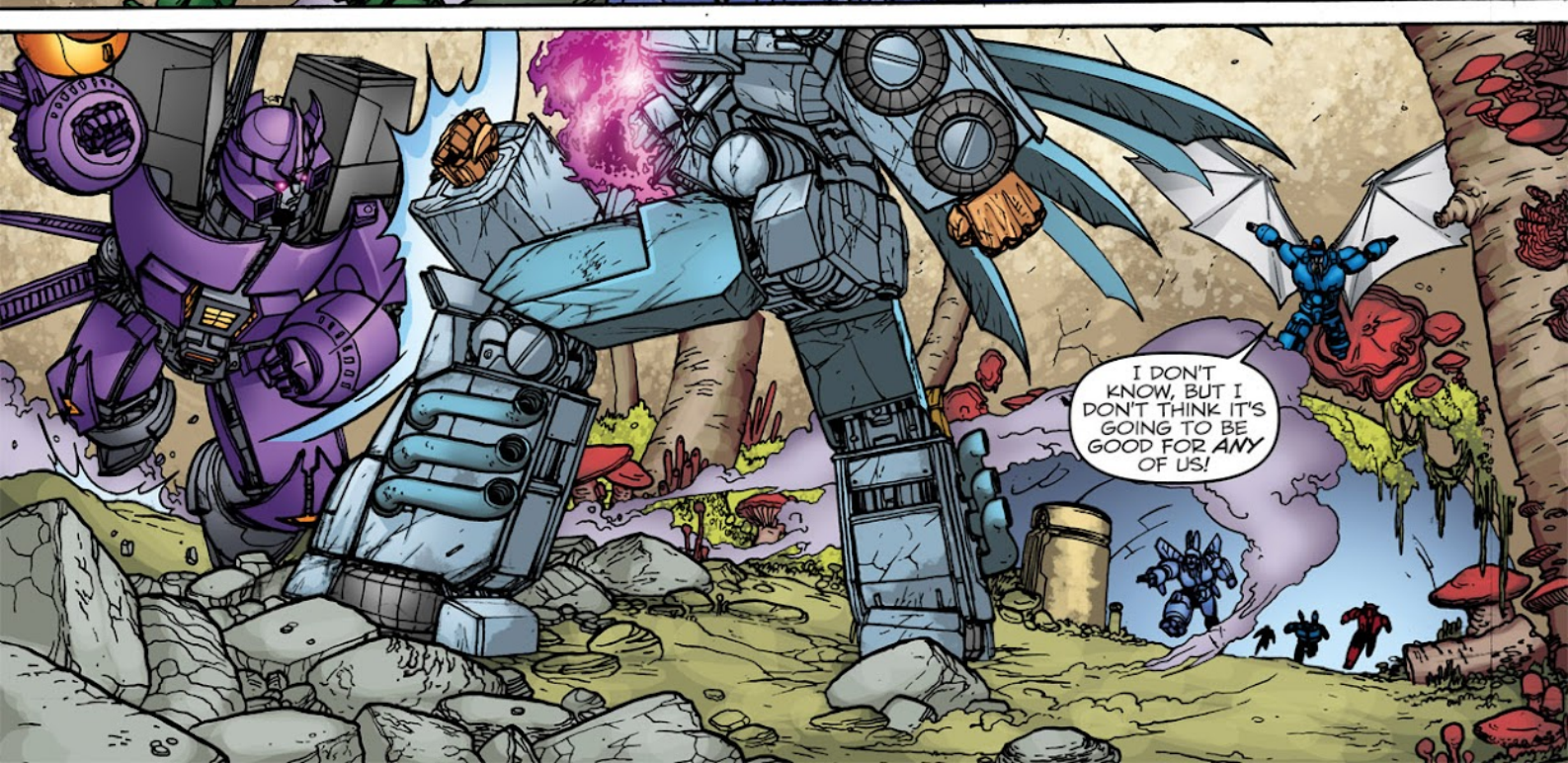
UHGNNK!



GET  
AFTER THEM!  
SUPPORT  
GALVATRON!

HOW CAN HE  
BE BACK? HOW  
IN THE UNIVERSE  
IS NEMESIS  
PRIME BACK?

WHAT  
IS HE?



I DON'T  
KNOW, BUT I  
DON'T THINK IT'S  
GOING TO BE  
GOOD FOR ANY  
OF US!





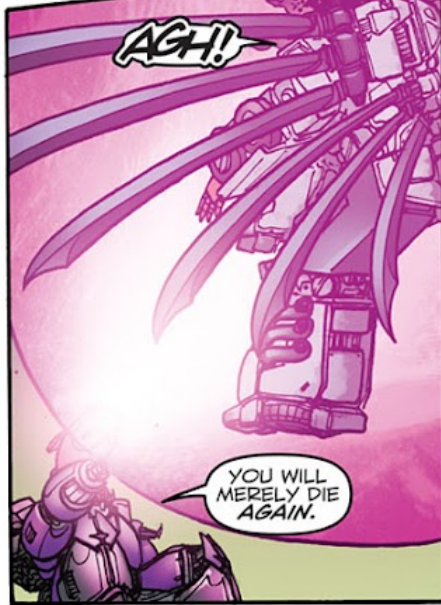
D-VOID  
GAVE ME  
BACK MY  
SPARK!

D-VOID  
REMADE ME IN  
THE DEAD UNIVERSE  
AND SENT ME BACK  
TO RECLAIM WHAT  
IS RIGHTFULLY  
OURS!

I'VE BEEN  
SEARCHING  
FOR YOU FOR  
A LONG  
TIME!

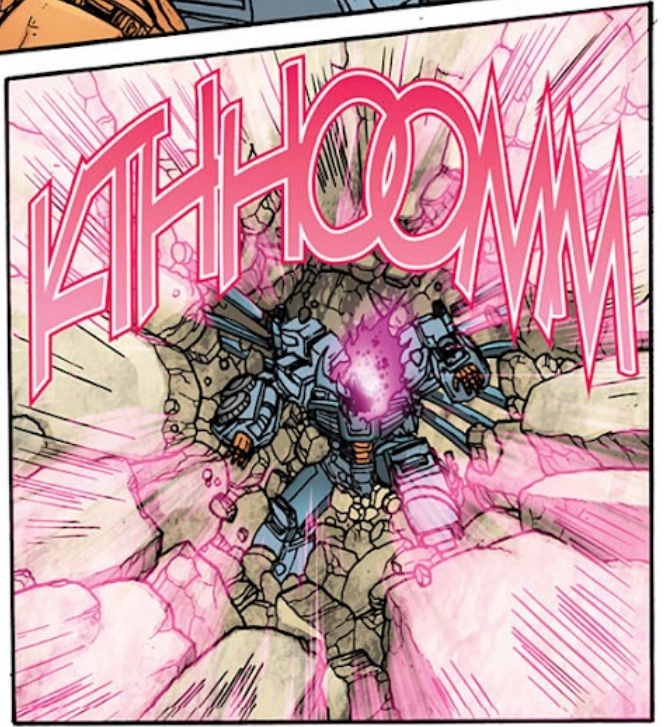


UGHNNNG!



AGH!

YOU WILL  
MERELY DIE  
AGAIN.



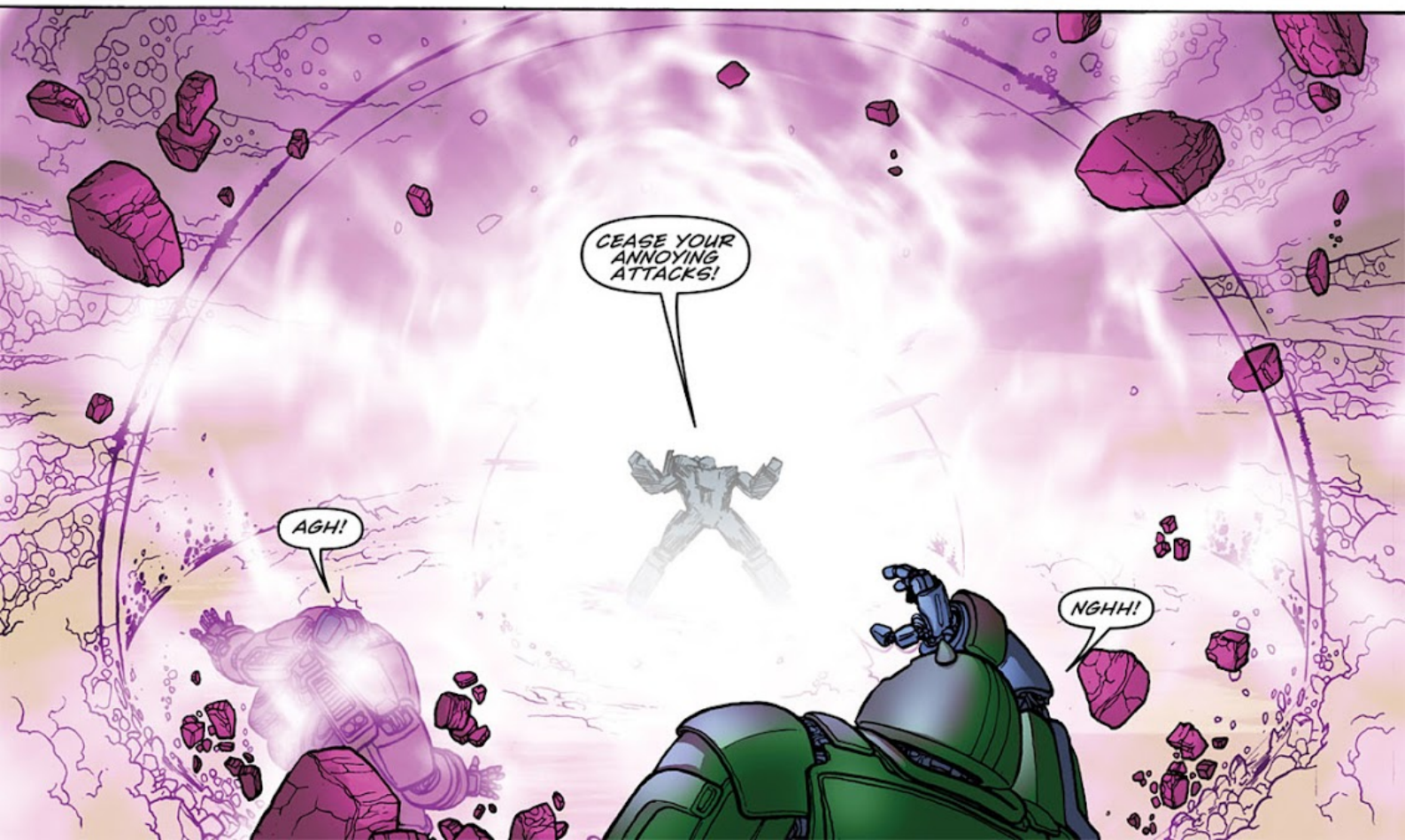
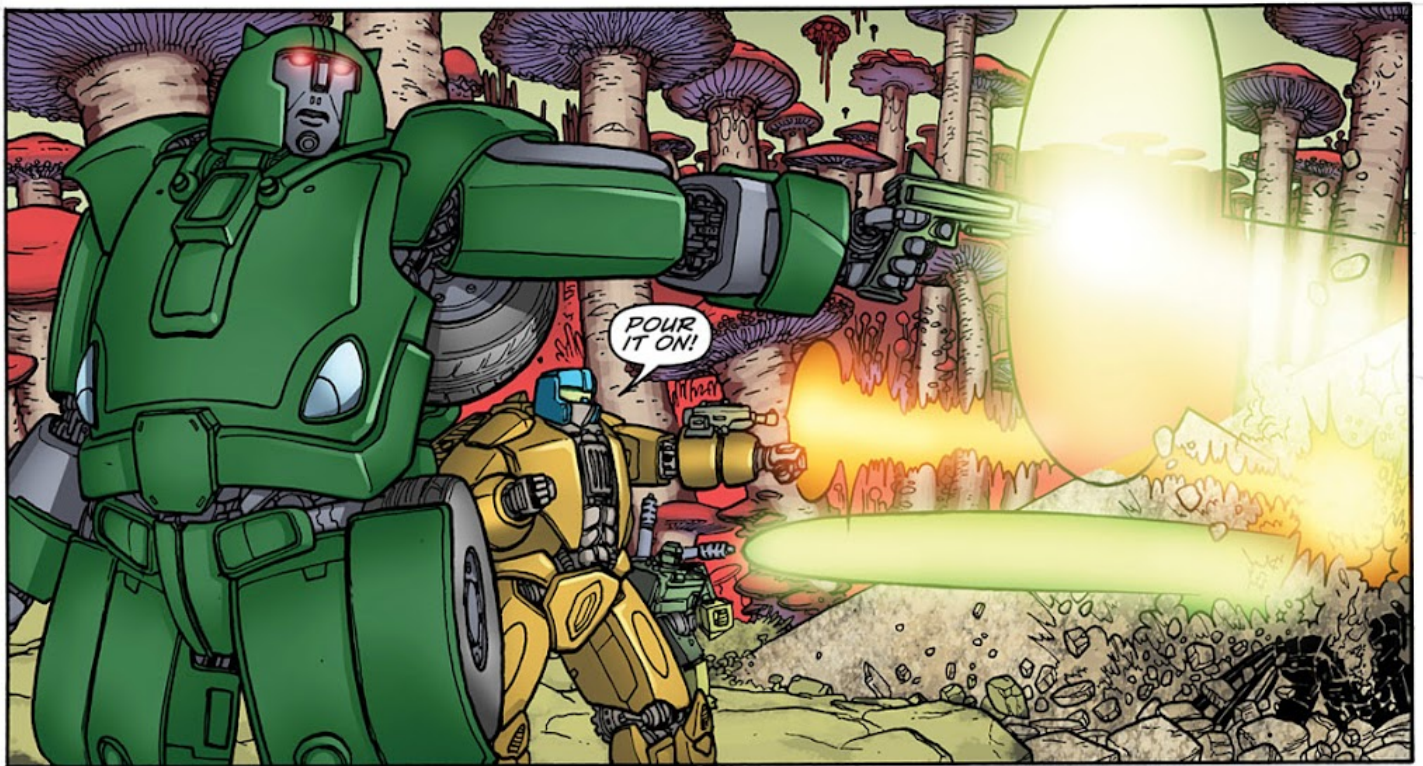
KTHHOOM



GALVATRON'S  
KNOCKED HIM  
BACK! WE HAVE  
A CLEAR  
TARGET!

FIRE AT  
WILL!

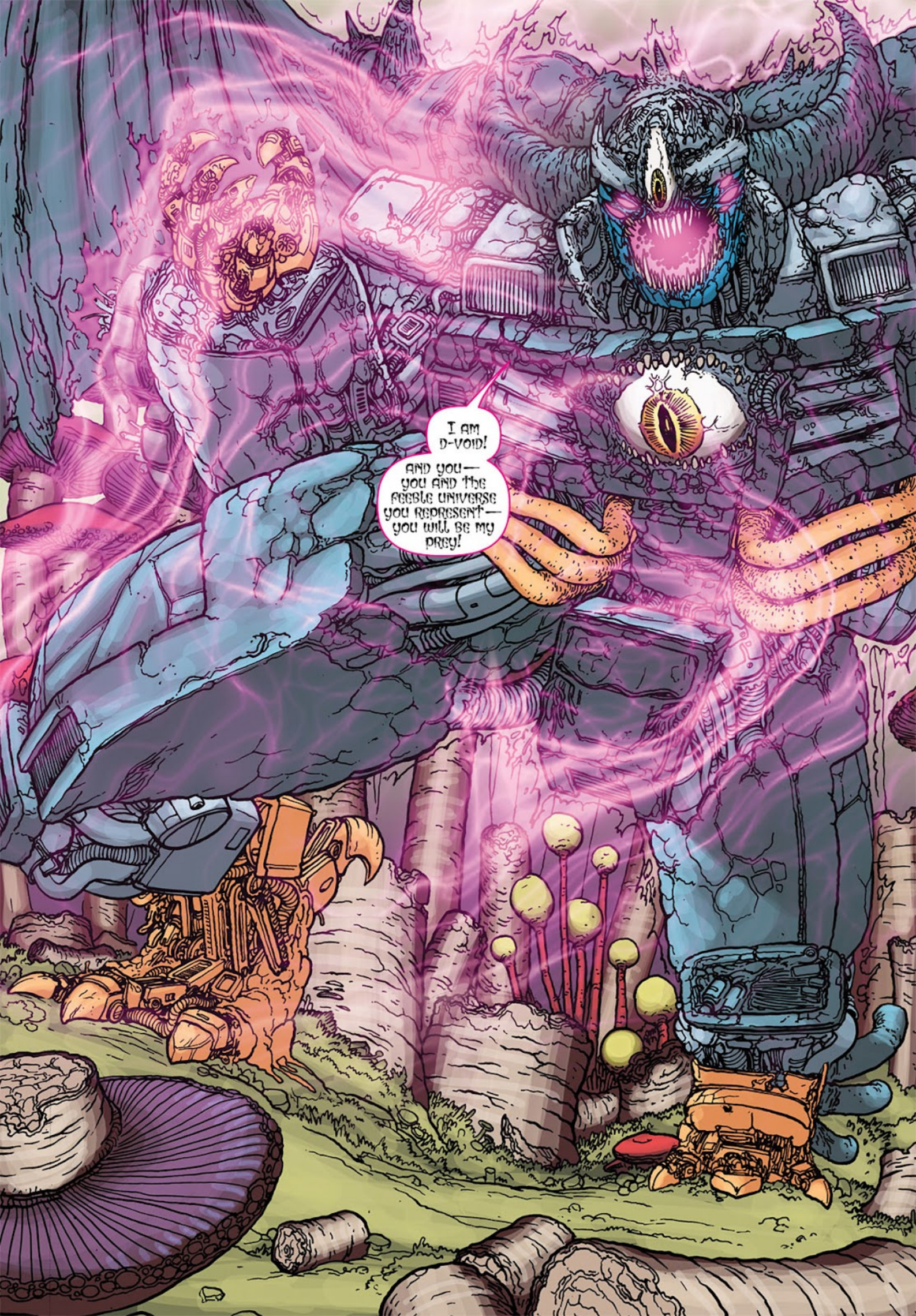








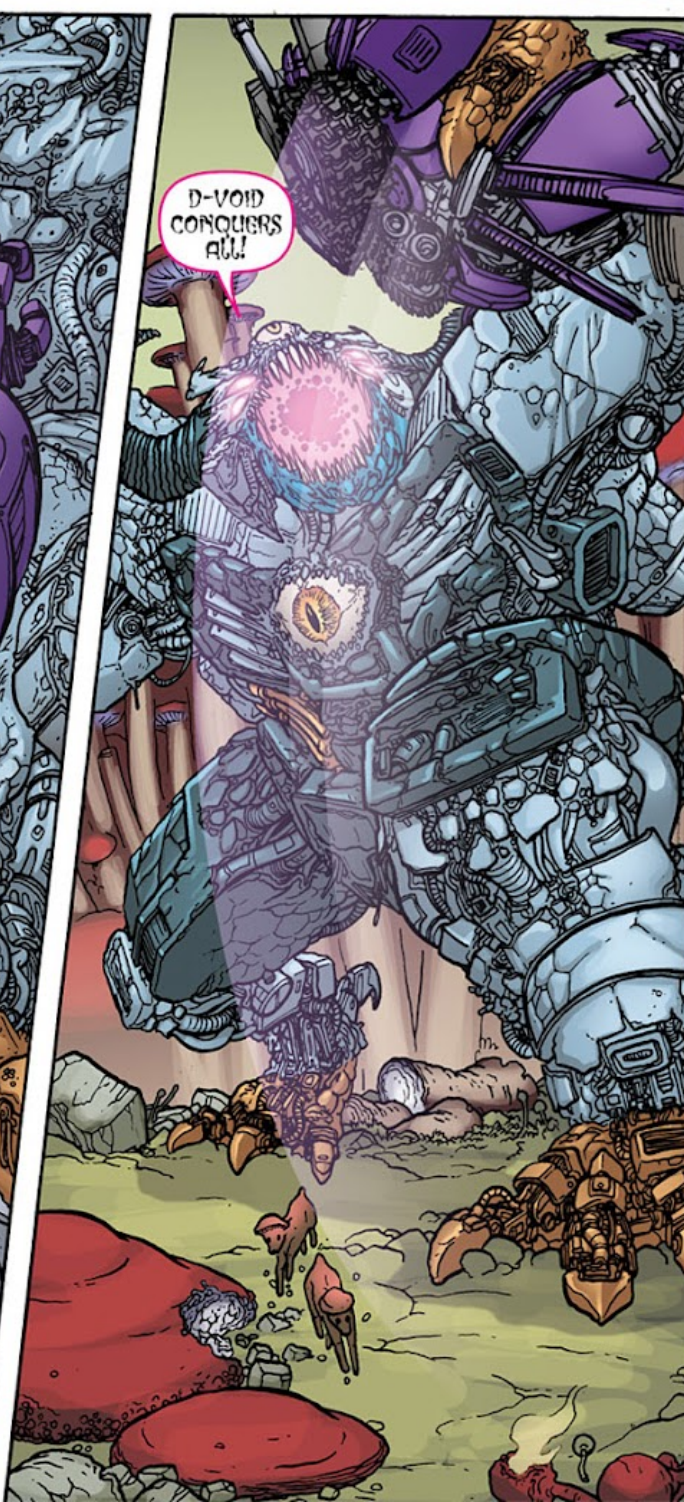
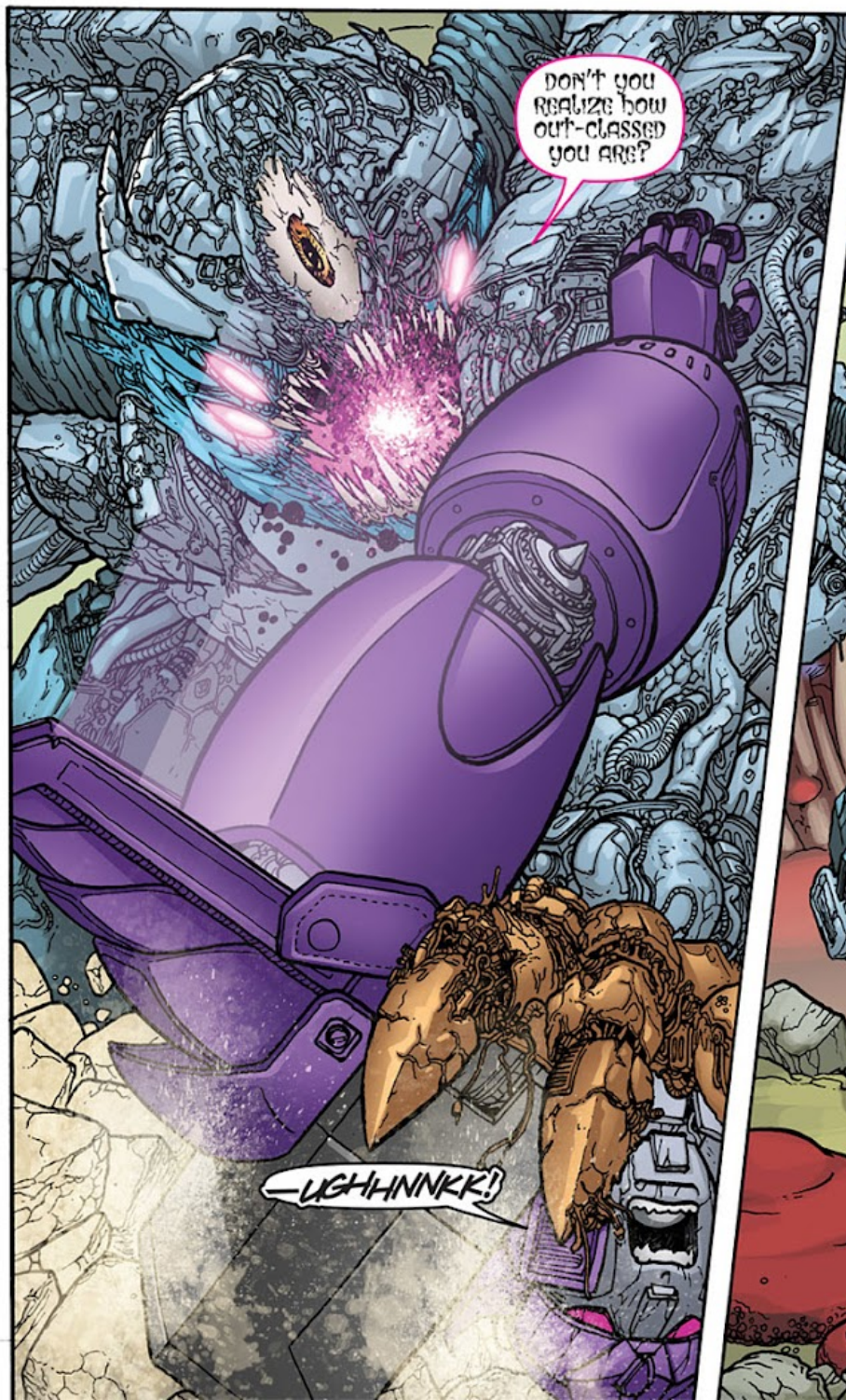
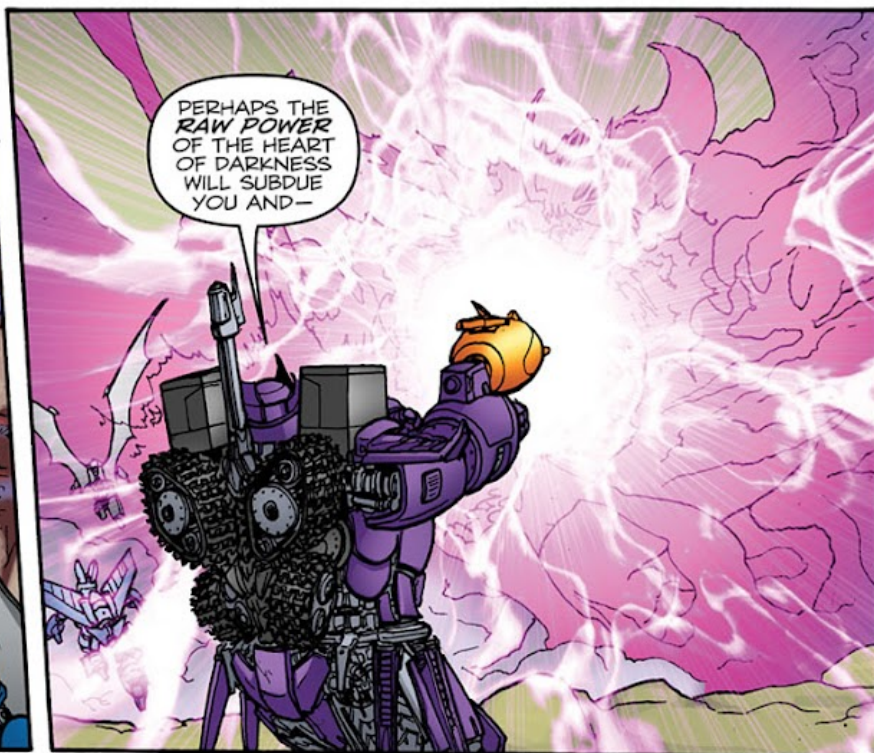




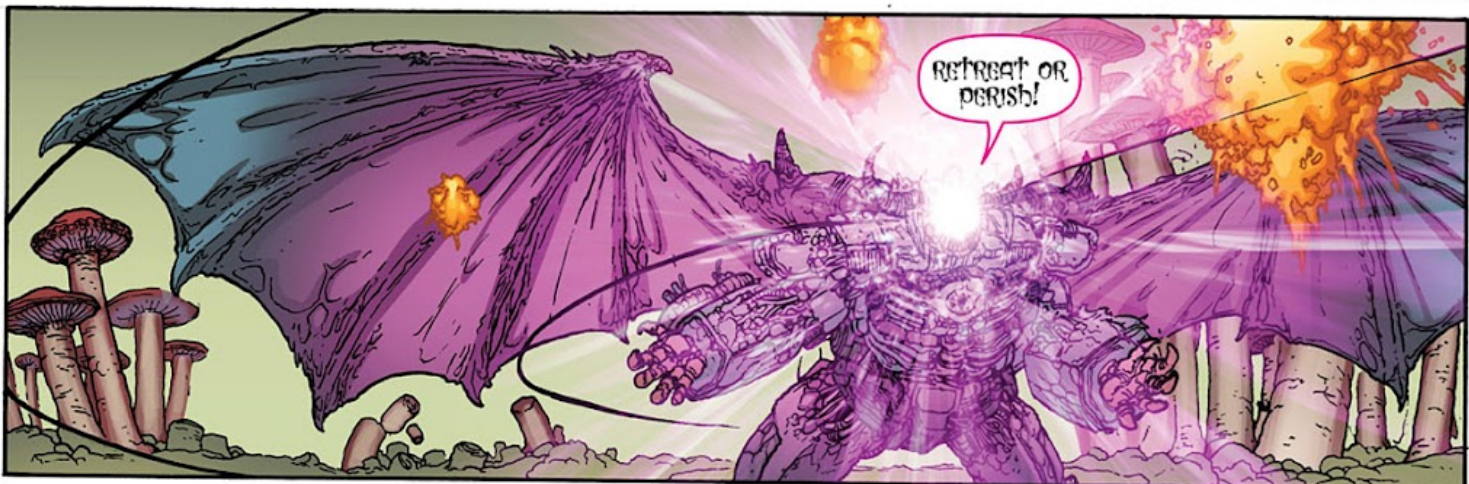
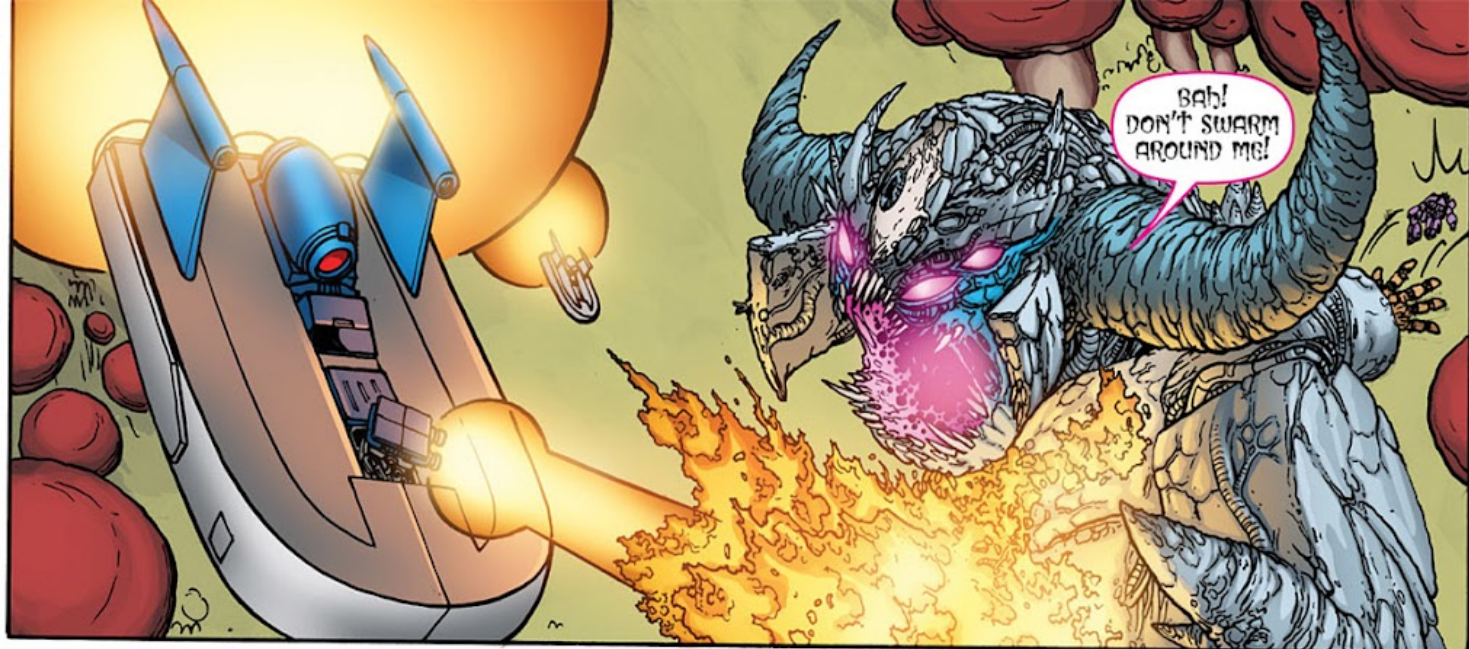
I AM  
D-VOID!

AND YOU—  
YOU AND THE  
FECKLE UNIVERSE  
YOU REPRESENT—  
YOU WILL BE MY  
PREY!

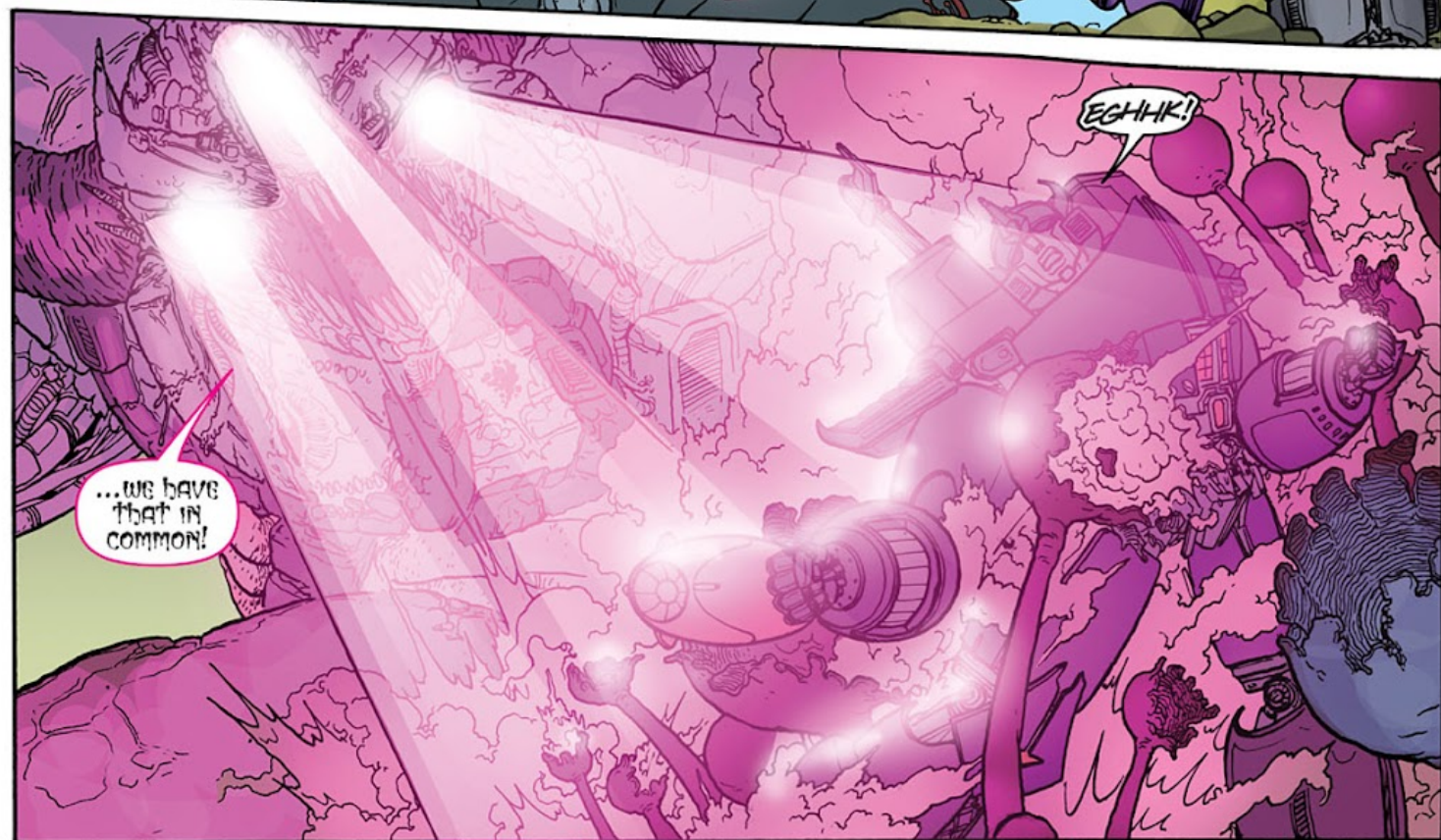
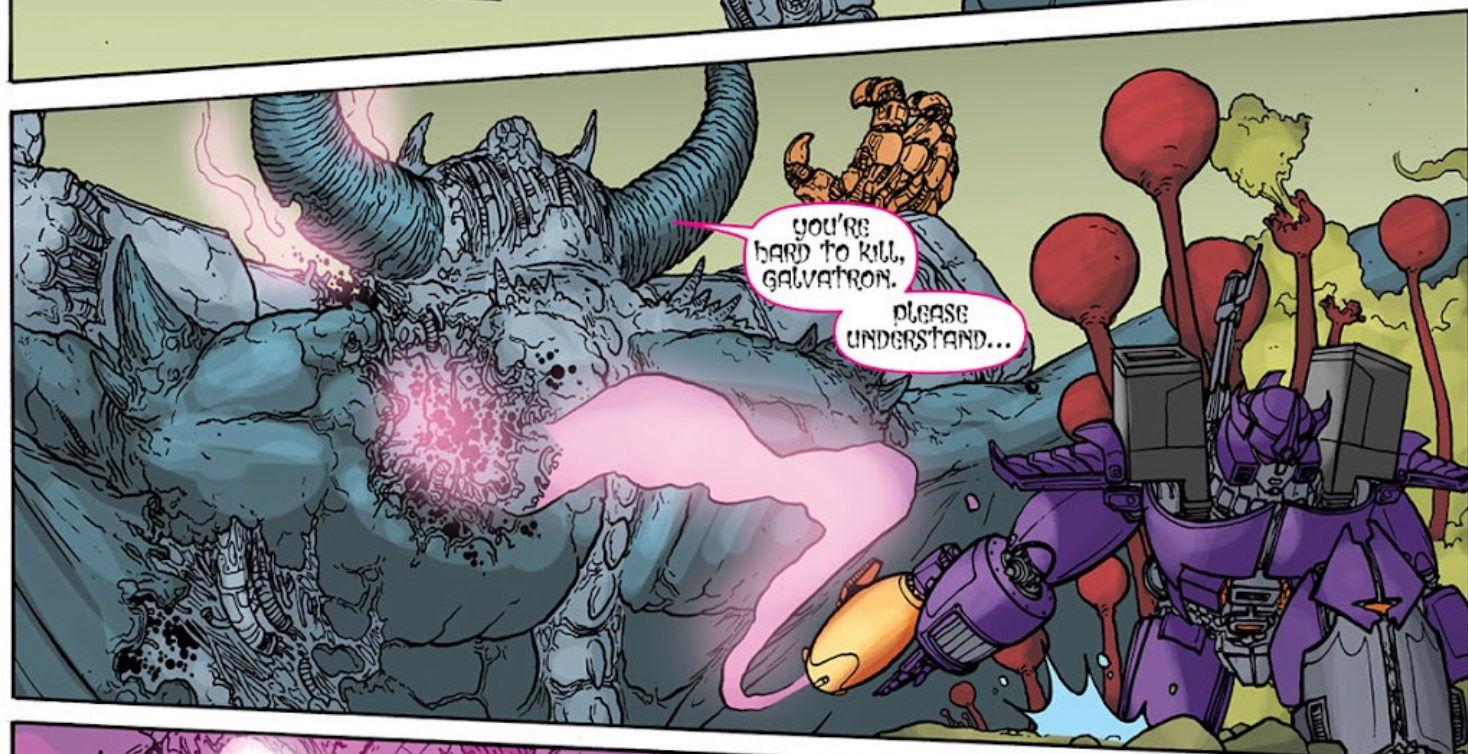
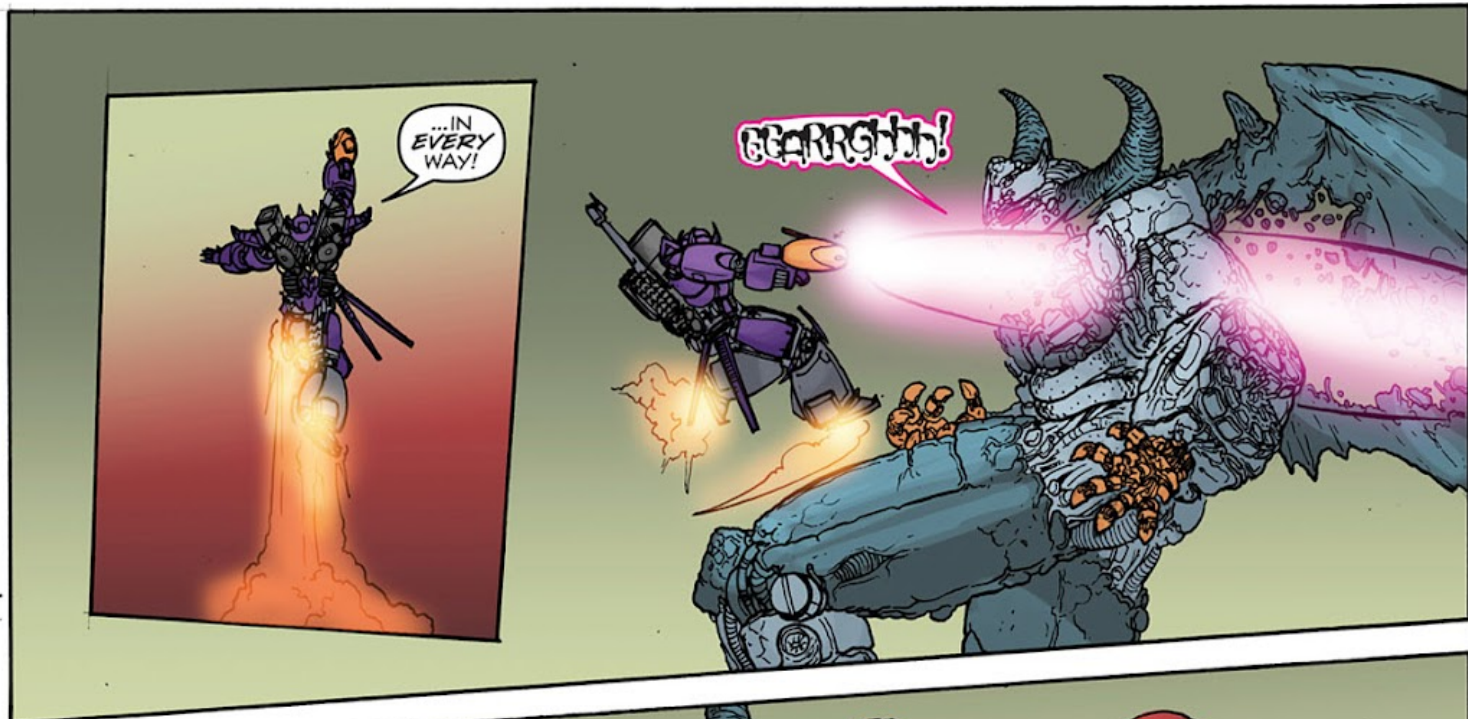




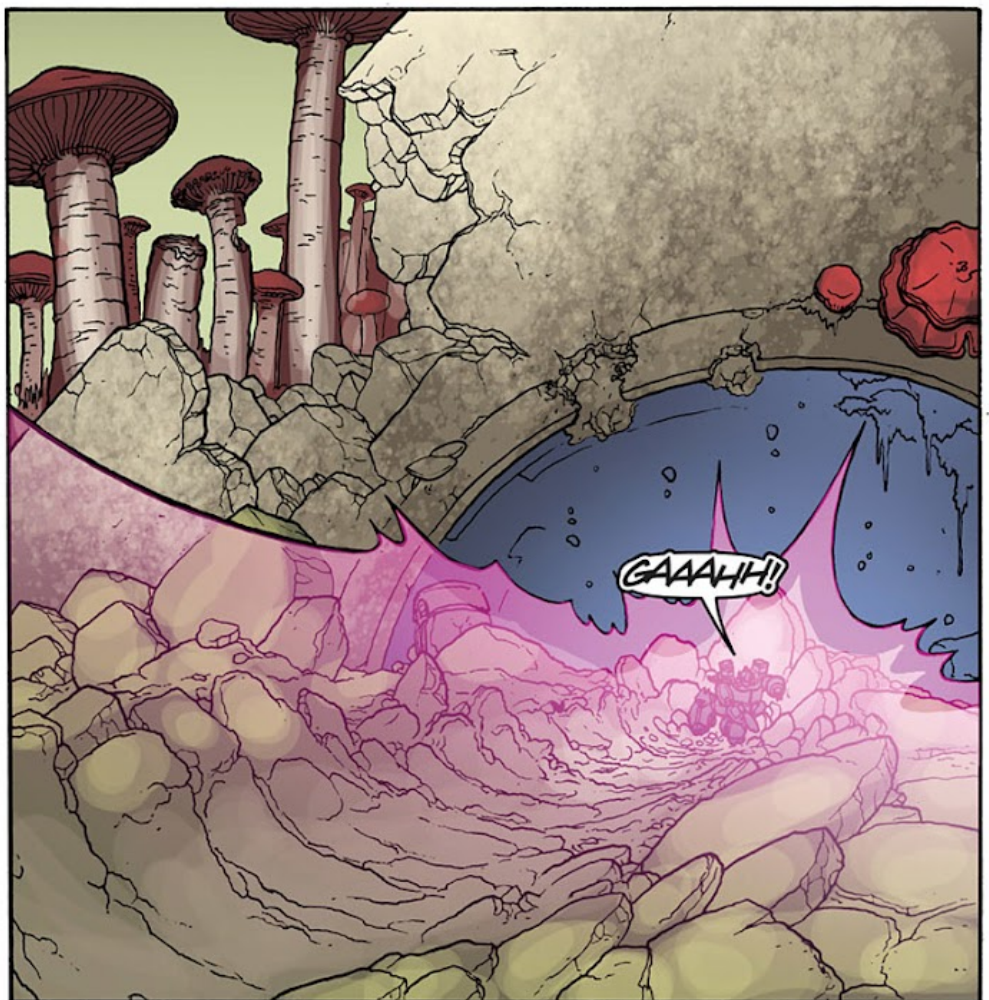
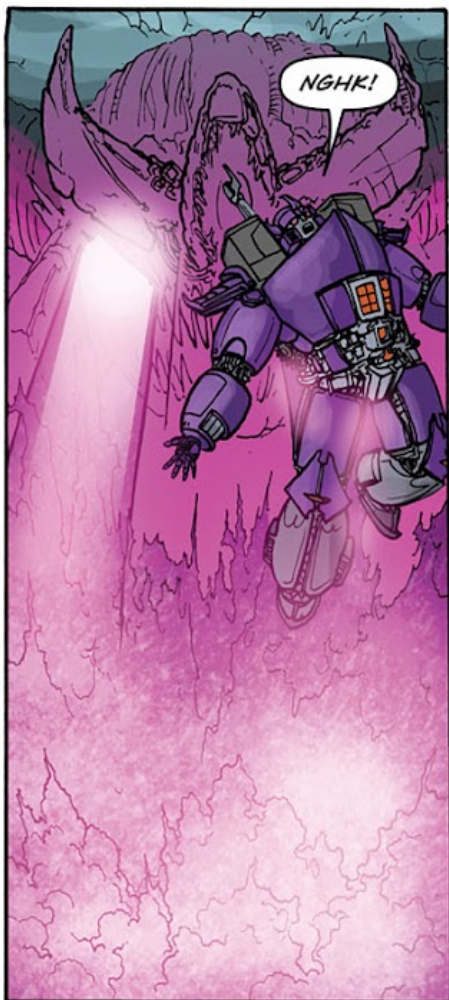
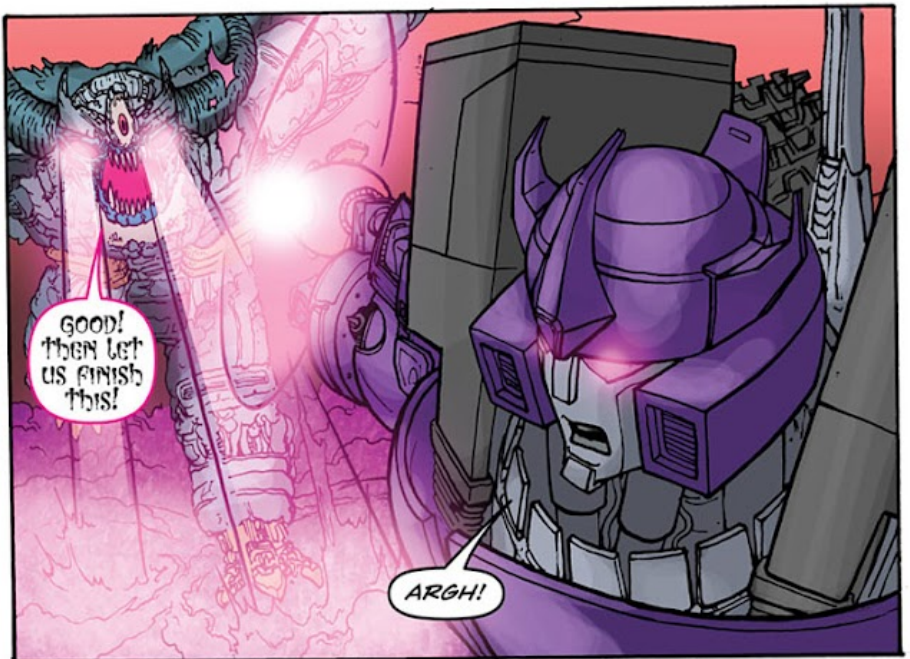
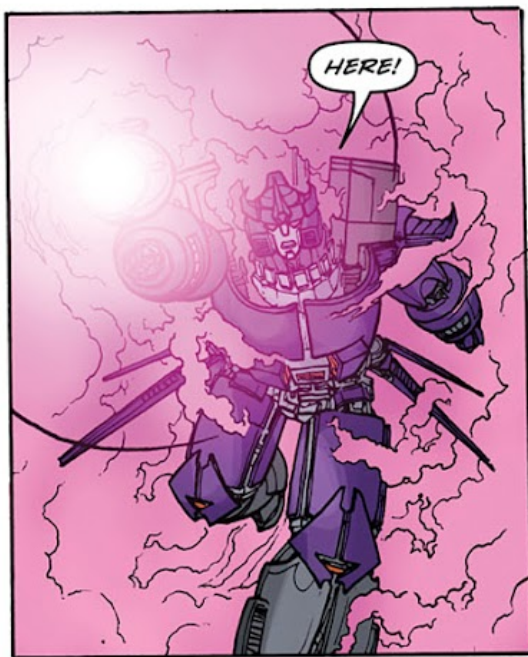




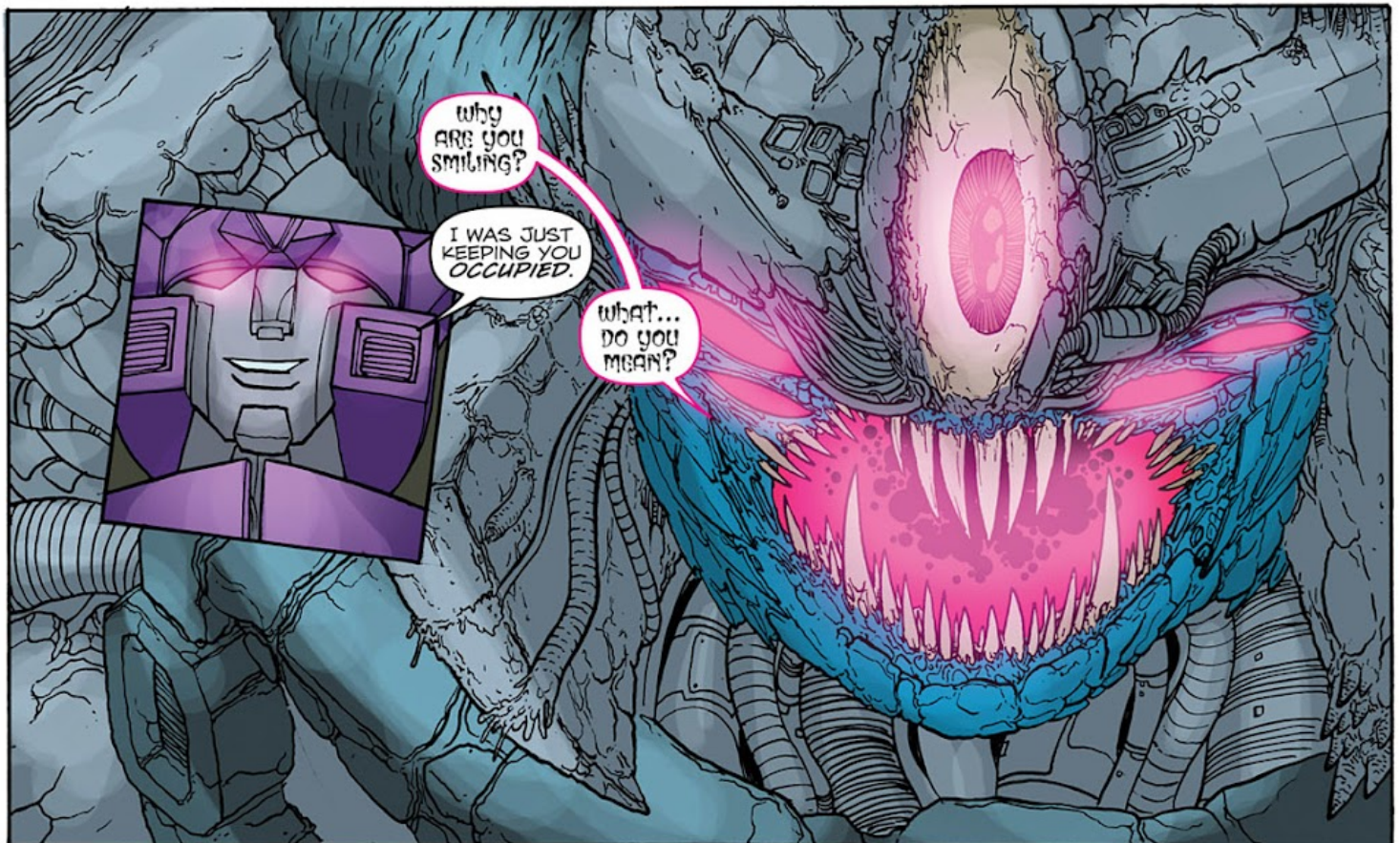




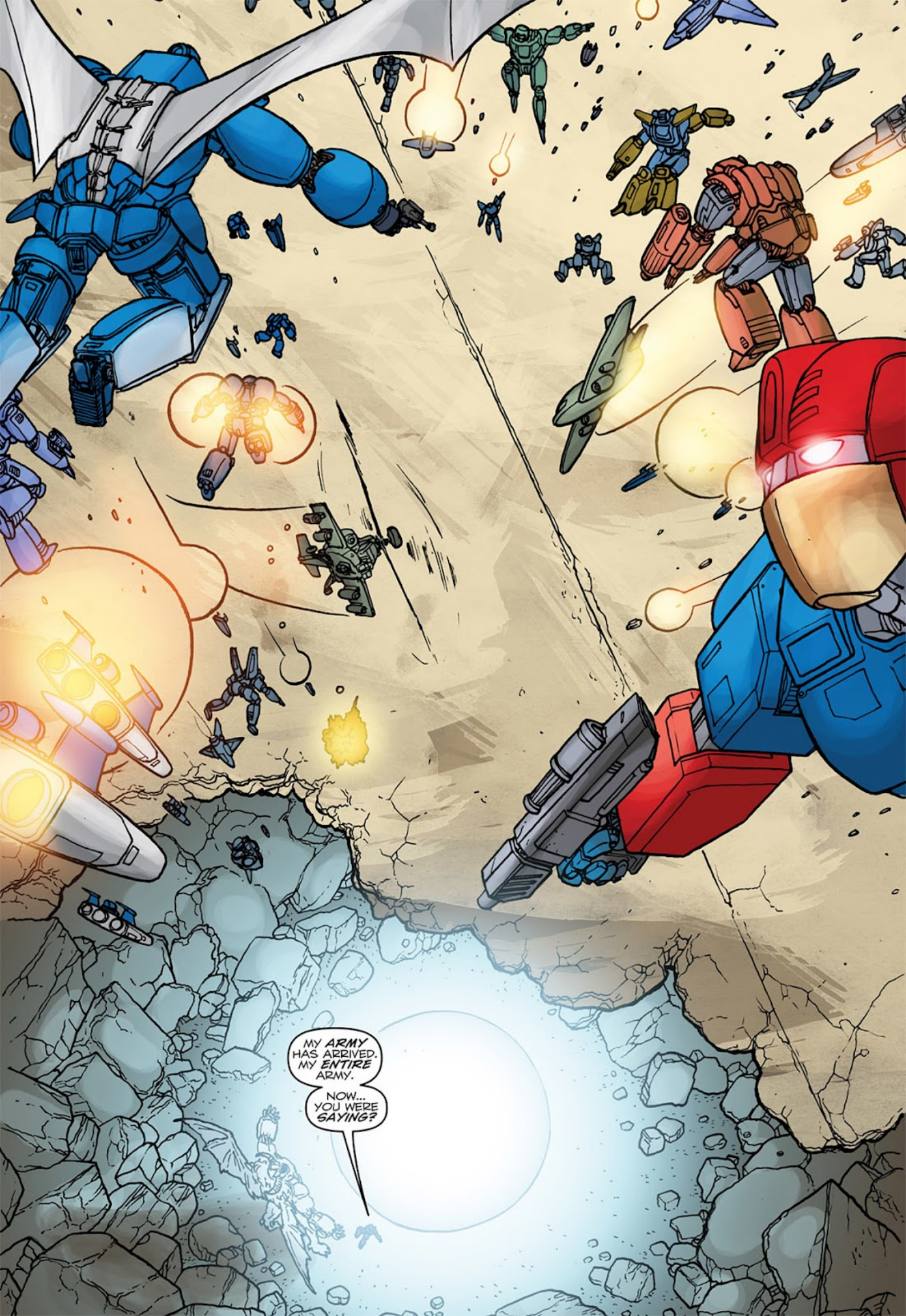




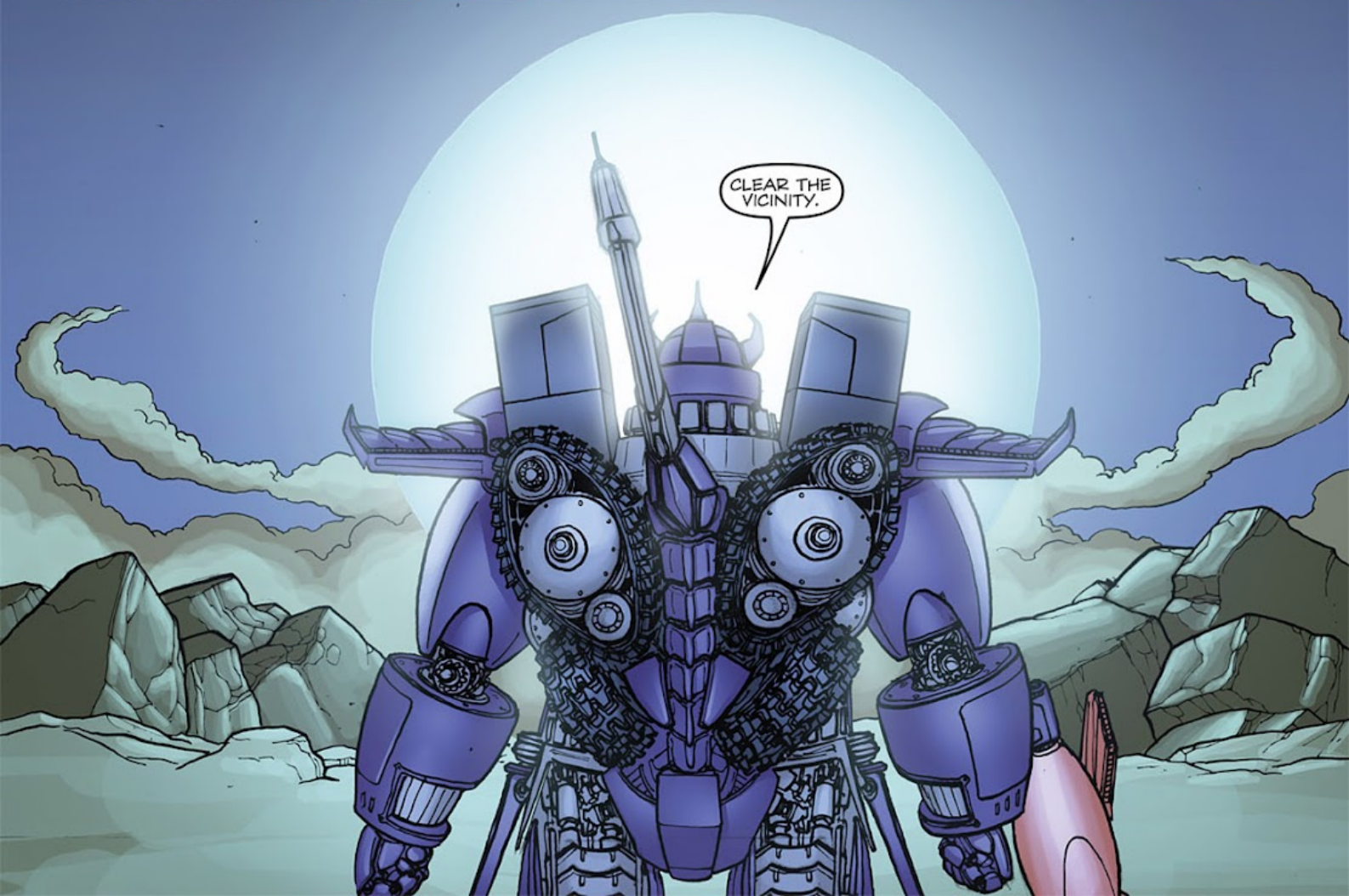




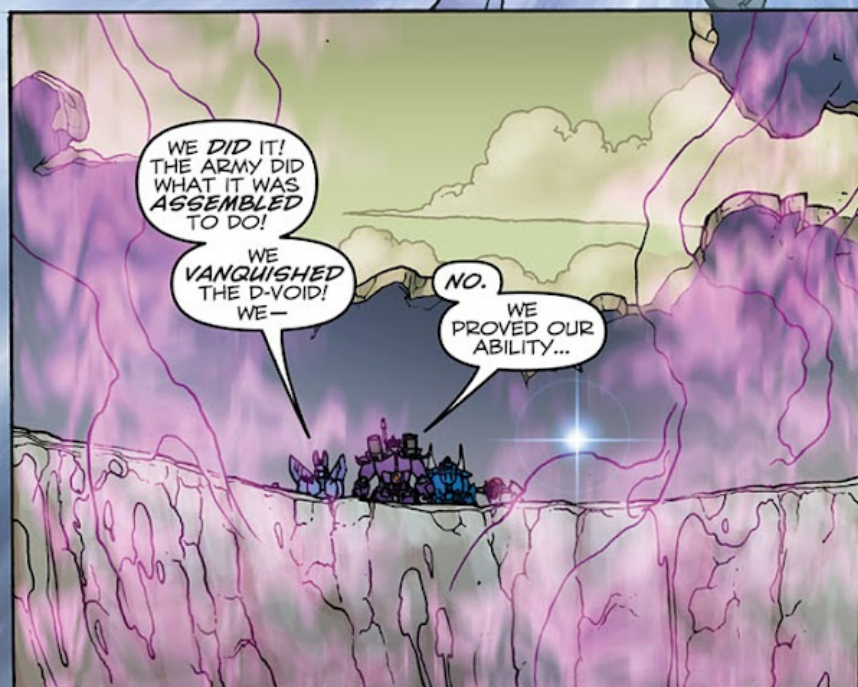














"WE MUST TRAVEL BACK TO EARTH. WE MUST ENLIST THE AID OF *OPTIMUS PRIME* AND THE AUTOBOT HOST."

"WE MUST REMAIN TRUE TO OUR MISSION AND ASSEMBLE ALL TRANSFORMERS INTO *ONE UNITED ARMY* READY TO OPPOSE D-VOID."

"THAT WAS JUST THE FIRST *SKIRMISH*. THE WAR IS COMING."

LAS VEGAS.

I HAVE PROVEN MY SUPERIORITY AND *STILL* YOU REJECT ME.

JIHAXUS! WE ARE LEAVING NOW!

\*FOR ALL DETAILS OF THIS ENCOUNTER, SEE INFESTATION: TRANSFORMERS #1-2.

TRANS-PORTAL OPEN, GALVATRON.

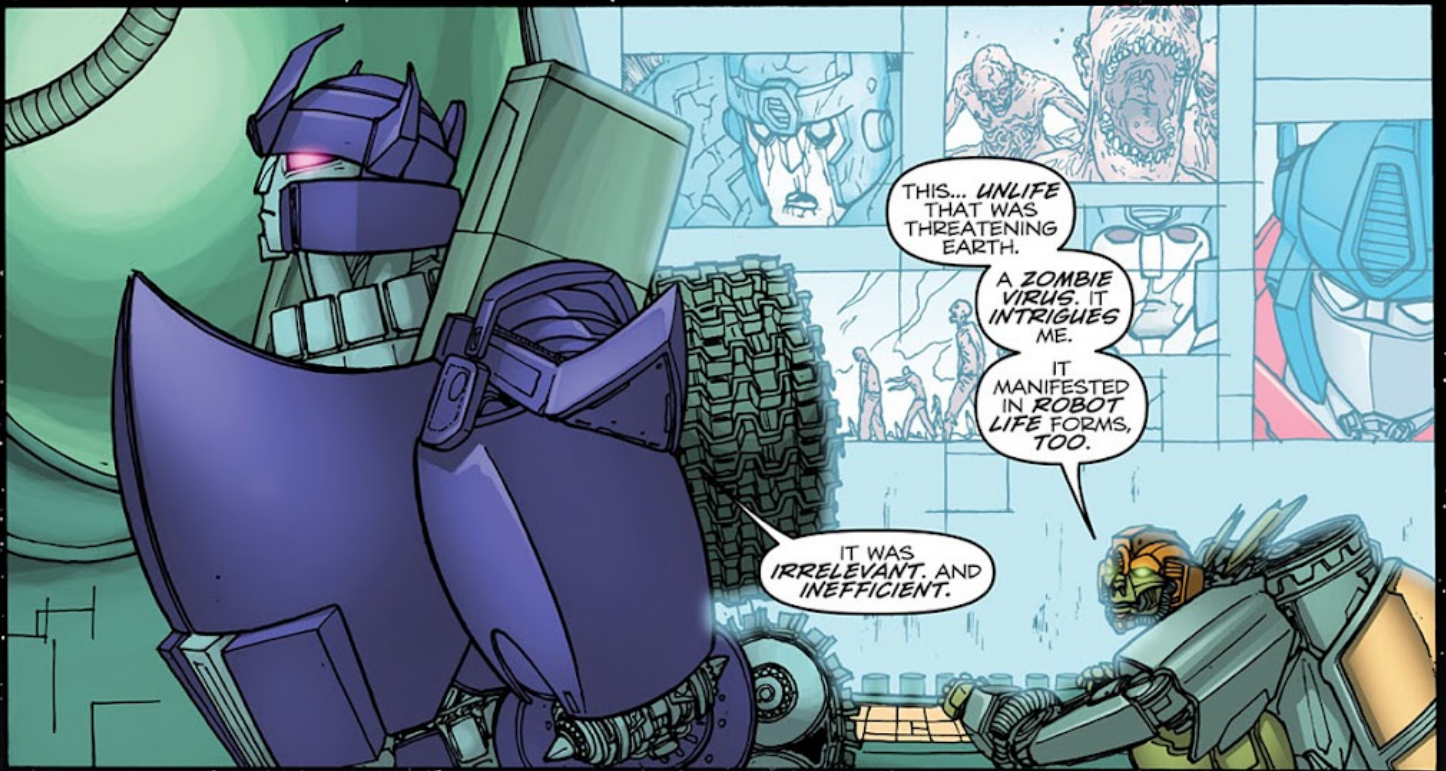
IF YOU DON'T STAND WITH ME, AUTOBOTS, THEN YOU STAND AGAINST ME.

GORLAM PRIME.

PRIME WAS UNCOOPERATIVE.

SO I SAW.





THIS... *UNLIFE*  
THAT WAS  
THREATENING  
EARTH.

A *ZOMBIE*  
VIRUS. IT  
INTRIGUES  
ME.

IT  
MANIFESTED  
IN *ROBOT*  
LIFE FORMS,  
TOO.

IT WAS  
*IRRELEVANT*. AND  
*INEFFICIENT*.



WE WILL  
STAND AGAINST  
D-VOID WITH  
OR *WITHOUT*  
OPTIMUS  
PRIME.

THERE  
ARE *OTHER*  
ALLIES IN THE  
UNIVERSE.

AND I KNOW  
WHERE D-VOID  
WILL STRIKE  
*FIRST*...



"...IT TASTED  
CYBERTRON'S POWER  
ON GORLAM PRIME,  
BUT IT WANTS THE  
REAL THING.

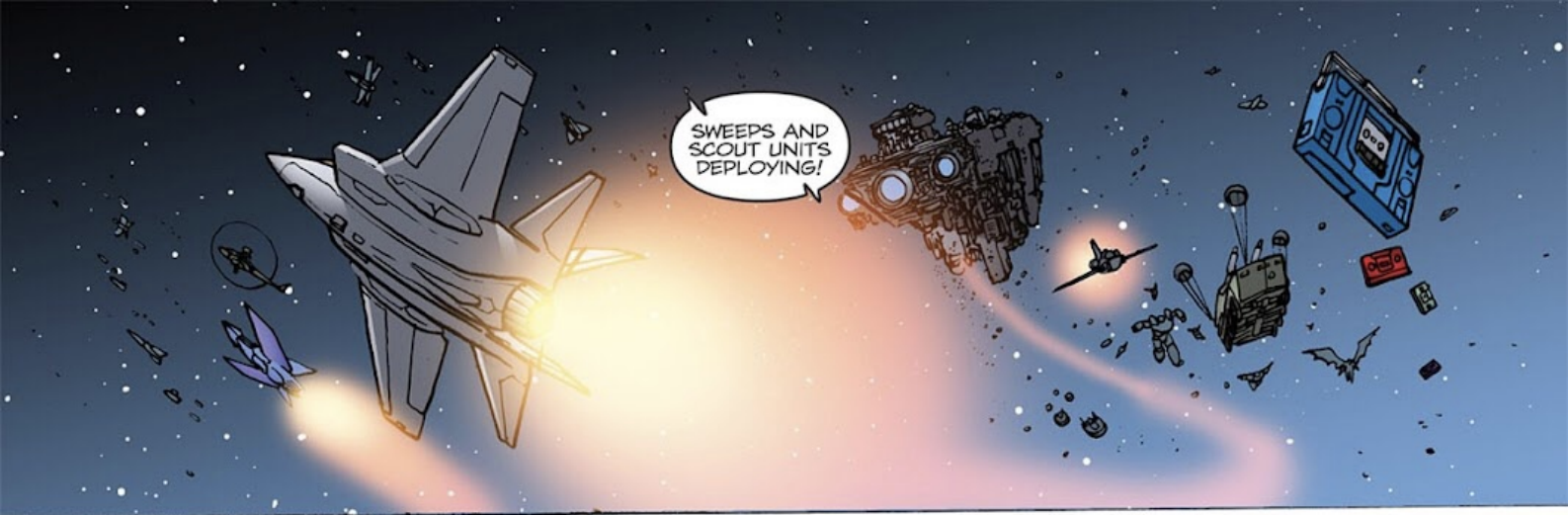
"CYBERTRON WILL  
BE ITS FOOTHOLD  
IN THIS UNIVERSE.

CYBERTRON.

"SO CYBERTRON  
WILL BE OUR *FIRST*  
LINE OF DEFENSE."

LANDING  
FORMATIONS.  
LOCATE AND  
IDENTIFY ALL  
LOCAL  
FORCES.





SWEEPS AND SCOUT UNITS DEPLOYING!



SPREAD OUT. THE PLACE LOOKS DESERTED BUT THERE MUST BE SOMEONE HERE.

MAXIMUM SCANNING!



SWEEP UNIT! I HAVE DETECTED AN **ENERGON** READING!

THIS IS GALVATRON. SECURE THE AREA.

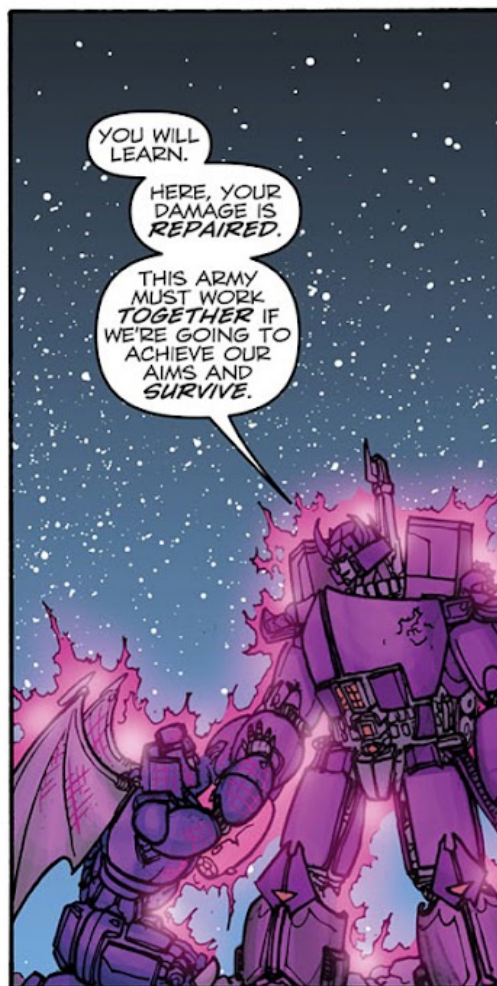
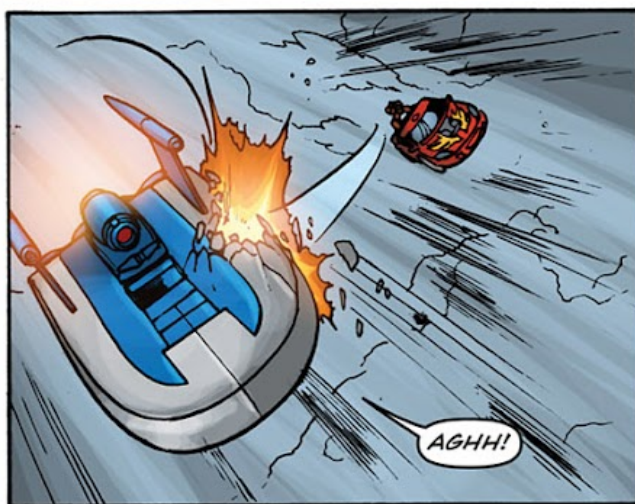
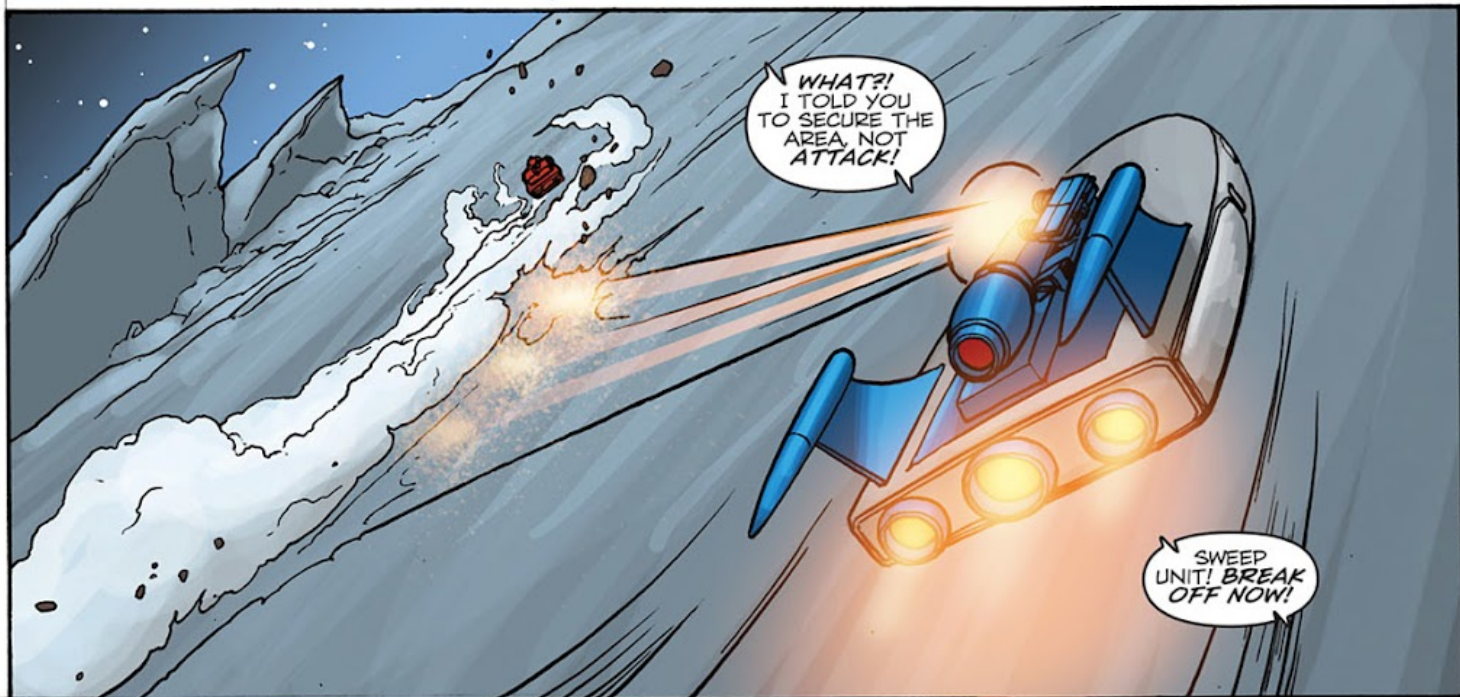


DETECTING AUTOBOT UNITS.

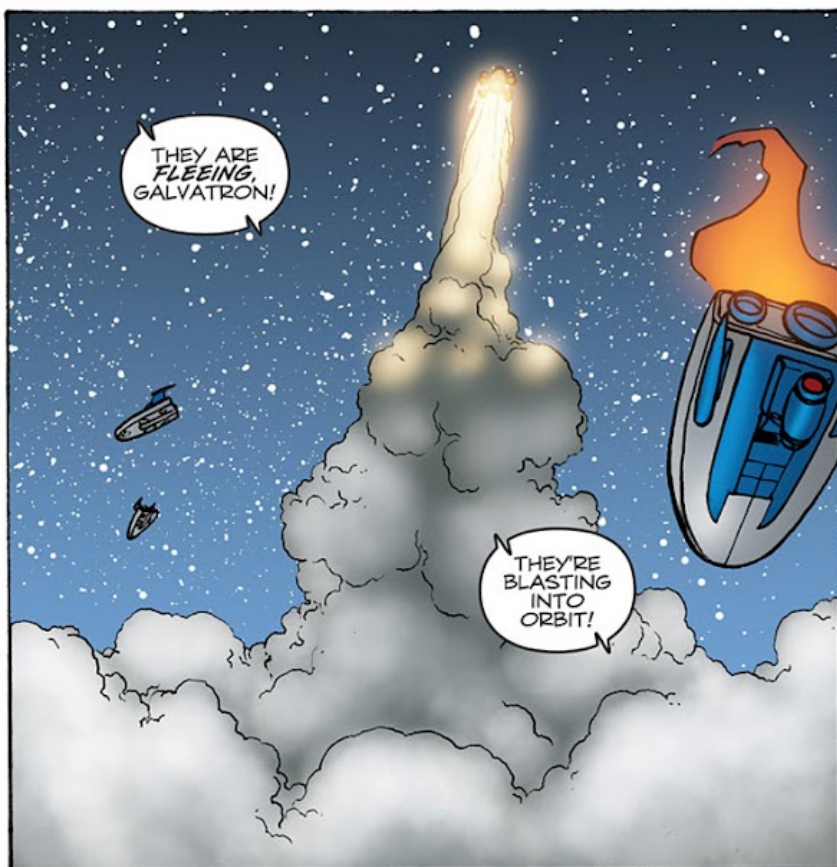
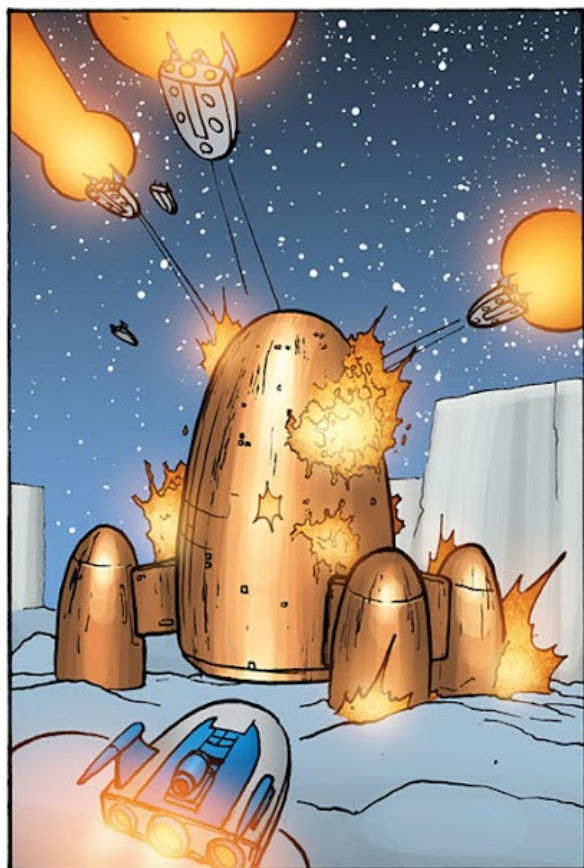
THEY ARE ACTIVATING THEIR **WEAPON** SYSTEMS.

I AM ENGAGING!













THEY'RE JUST  
MAKING A **TACTICAL  
WITHDRAWAL** WHILE  
THEY FIGURE OUT  
MY INTENTIONS.

LIKE OPTIMUS  
PRIME AND THE  
AUTOBOTS OF EARTH,  
THEY **SUSPECT** THE  
PURITY OF MY  
MOTIVATIONS.

LET THEM  
GO FOR NOW.  
THEY WILL LEARN.  
THEY WILL LEARN  
WHAT **REALLY**  
MATTERS.



FOR NOW,  
CYBERTRON  
IS **MINE**.

I WILL HOLD  
AND **DEFEND**  
IT... FOR THE SAKE  
OF OUR RACE AND  
THE FATE OF THE  
**UNIVERSE!**

END...

DO NOT MISS THE  
CONTINUATION OF THIS  
SAGA STARTING IN  
TRANSFORMERS #21!